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Albania Offensive Furiously Pressed

THE FOURTH DAY OF THE BIG GREEK OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ITALIAN CENTRE IN ALBANIA CONTINUED YESTERDAY WITH UNABATED FURY.

The Greek troops, states Athens radio, are pushing on with the utmost determination.

Two mountain ranges where the attack was launched have now been almost completely cleared of Italian forces.

The Italians, who have been driven from a network of machine-gun posts cunningly concealed in deep cavities in the rocks, are stated to be suffering very heavy casualties, with whole detachments being wiped out.

One of the principal units defending the approaches to Tepelini, key-town to Valona harbour, endured particularly severe losses.

Nearly all effectives of the 7th Black Shirt battalion were also killed.

A few prisoners were taken, including Major Pelligrini, a member of the Fascist Grand Council.

Another battalion to meet with disaster was commanded by the Italian Education Minister, Bottai, who may have been killed.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MUSSOLINI TO BOTTAI WAS FOUND ON THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY OF A MAJOR, BEGGING BOTTAI TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO STOP THE GREEK ADVANCE — "OTHERWISE," SAID MUSSOLINI, "FASCISM WOULD DIE WITH A STAIN UPON IT.

"Fascist Italy bases her last hope on your defence. Save her." — Reuter.

FIGHTER COMMAND OFFENSIVE

Three offensive sweeps were made by aircraft of the Fighter Command over the Channel and occupied France yesterday afternoon, says an Air Ministry communique.

Considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered and one British fighter is missing.

There was no opposition by enemy aircraft, the communique adds.

There was a brief alert in London last night but no air raid incidents were reported.

Enemy air activity during daylight yesterday was mainly over the Channel and south-eastern England.

Little damage and no casualties were reported, says an Air Ministry communique.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CRUISER TORPEDOED

An Italian cruiser of the Condotteiria class has been torpedoed and also certainly sunk by a British submarine, says an Admiralty communique quoted by Reuter.

YUGOSLAV PACT WITH AXIS

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, is expected to leave Belgrade for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugoslavia and the Axis powers.

SOME REPORTS SAY HE HAS ALREADY LEFT, AND THE PACT MAY BE SIGNED THIS EVENING.

Meanwhile, Yugoslavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

The Bulgarian newspapers daily are becoming more openly revisionist in tone.

General Zhekoff, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students in Sofia yesterday: "We live in stirring times, after which will come realisation of our national ideals."

His statement, and Bulgarian press revisionist claims, were widely published in the Yugoslavian press.—Reuter.

DRAMATIC STEPS BY ROOSEVELT PREDICTED

THERE IS SOME REASON to believe that President Roosevelt will announce the transfer of another batch of destroyers to Britain shortly after signing the Lease and Lend Bill, it was declared in Washington yesterday.

This measure, it is thought, will be one of a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed in Washington that now the Bill has passed, many legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill, on the theory that if the country wants the Bill it should not be half-hearted about it but should really render all aid short of war.

Approval was given by the Senate to the establishment of air bases on sites acquired from Britain when it passed yesterday a $245,229,000 authorisation for naval and public works.

This action has the effect of Congressional ratification of the "destroyers for bases" deal.

The Senate Naval Committee reported that a total of $58,025,000 represented the amount necessary to complete the establishment of

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TRIPOLI HARBOUR BOMBED

Tripoli harbour was again attacked during Saturday night and bombs dropped on Italian aerodromes in Tripolitania, states yesterday's R.A.F. Cairo communique.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodromes of Diredawa, despite attempted interception by Italian fighters.

A DIRECT HIT WAS ALSO OBTAINED ON A TRAIN APPROACHING THE TOWN AND ANOTHER ON THE STATION AT ADDA-GALLA.

In the Keren area, troop positions were bombed and machine-gunned, while other bombers were harassing the Italian column retreating from Butye and bombed a village near Debra Marcos.—Reuter.

U.S. WARNED OF AXIS ALLIANCE

"THE INTEGRAL COMING INTO PLAY OF THE TRIPARTITE PACT" IS PREDICTED IN ROME AS A RESULT OF THE PASSING OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL, WHICH IS DESCRIBED IN THE ITALIAN PRESS AS A "COLOSSAL MYSTIFICATION" AND A "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE HAGUE CONVENTION."

"Giornale d'Italia" remarks it appears less than likely that war material shipped from America will arrive in Europe in view of the intensification of the Axis counter-blockade.—Reuter.

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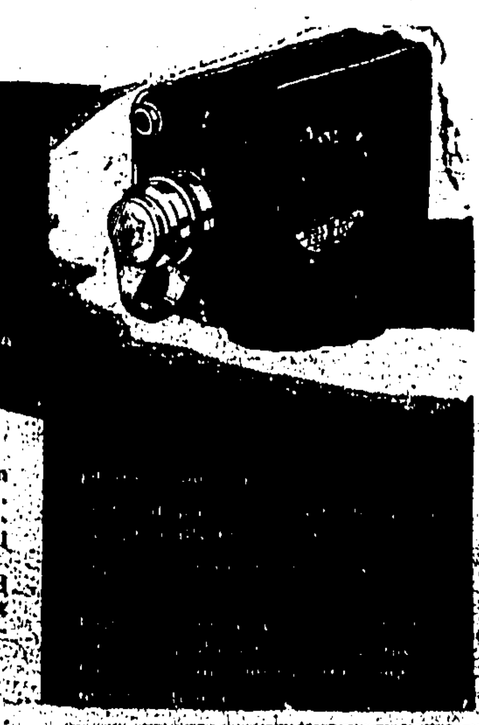

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CRUISER DETAINS FRENCH SHIP

Acrimony Shown In Statement By Havas Agency

Blockade Activity Creates Dispute

THE ALLEGED SEIZURE OF A FRENCH CARGO-SHIP CALLED VILLE DE MAJUNGA BY A BRITISH CRUISER WAS ANNOUNCED IN VICHY YESTERDAY.

This has led the French news agency to declare that the remark about the defence of the French Empire, made in the communique issued after Sunday night's meeting between General Weygand, Admiral Darlan and other Ministers, also applied to communications between metropolitan France and the Empire.

The original communique stated that the defence of the Empire would "be energetically assured by the French forces alone against all aggressors."

IN THIS CONNECTION THE HAVAS AGENCY RECALLED THAT ADMIRAL DARLAN HAS REPEATEDLY DECLARED HE WOULD NOT ALLOW FRENCH SHIPS TO BE SEIZED OR FRENCH PEOPLE DIE OF HUNGER.

If our protest should be in vain, the French news agency further reports Admiral Darlan as saying, "and if Britain continues to hold up and seize our cargo-ships, it would be necessary, in order to put an end to this, to have our ships escorted by warships."

French Protest

The French Government is understood to have protested to the South African Government against the alleged stopping, south of Capetown, by a British cruiser of the French cargo-ship Ville de Majunga.

This was reported by the French news agency last night.

The protest is stated to say that such actions, far from the theatre of operations, are unjustified and can have no effect on the result of the war.

The French ship was on the way from Dakar to Madagascar. She is stated to be the fourteenth ship seized by the British Navy since the beginning of the year, and the 108th since the Armistice. — Reuter.

AMBULANCE MASCOT GREETS THE QUEEN

Zep, a small dachshund mascot of a south-west London ambulance station, allowed the Queen to pull one of his silky ears when she walked into a control room there.

The dog's mistress, an ambulance driver, was holding Zep, and the Queen said to her, "He looks very dignified."

The Queen visited four stations in the same area and talked to trousered girls who drive ambulances through the streets when bombs fall.

"I am glad you have had less to do lately," the Queen said to them.

PROFIT-TAKING ON STOCK MARKET

Interest on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly centred on gilt-edged securities in which further rises were registered though a little profit-taking fractionally reduced early gains. India stocks made further headway on good buying, but elsewhere business was confined to small limits. Among foreign issues, Czech and Austrian loans were slightly higher. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

INDIAN ASSEMBLY DEBATE

Great satisfaction at General Auchinleck's appointment as Commander-in-Chief, India, was expressed in the Indian Assembly during the debate on the question of appointment of a defence committee.

The Government spokesman said General Auchinleck was firmly of opinion that the possibilities of his receiving views and advice from representatives of the public, on the one hand, and his giving them information useful to them, on the other, requires regularisation.

General Auchinleck hoped arrangements would be worked out by which this can be given effect.

If members would like to go and see Indian troops on active service, the Defence Secretary would make arrangements.

Referring to a complaint that the country had not been taken into Government's confidence, the Defence Secretary said it was not the case that Indians were distrusted but in matters of defence there was need for circumspection and many matters had necessarily to be a close preserve of the Executive, as in other countries.—Reuter.

CARGO REACHES MARSEILLES

The arrival at Marseilles of the United States steamer Cold Harbour, carrying a cargo of food and other necessities for French children and invalids, was announced yesterday by Admiral William Leahy, U.S. Ambassador in Vichy.

Admiral Leahy added that another steamer—the Exmouth—with a similar cargo, was expected in three weeks.—Reuter.

AFRIDIS WANT TO JOIN ARMY

A gathering of 800 Afridis and other tribes at Peshawar yesterday presented £750 to the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, expressed loyalty to the Government and desired to join the army to fight Hitler.—Reuter.

ALFONSO TO BE BURIED IN ESCORIAL

The body of ex-King Alfonso of Spain was taken yesterday morning across the French frontier into Spain, states a telegram to the official German news agency.

The body will be laid at rest in the royal vault at the Escorial in the next few days.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL ABRIAL IN VICHY

ADMIRAL ABRIAL, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF ALGERIA, ARRIVED IN VICHY YESTERDAY AND WAS IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED BY MARSHAL PETAIN.

The visit follows that of General Weygand, who is expected to return to his post shortly.

Admiral Abrial commanded French warships which assisted in the embarkation at Dunkirk last summer.—Reuter.

United States May Intercede

It is regarded in Washington as likely that the United States will intercede in the blockade dispute between Britain and the Vichy Government, which is evidently viewed gravely in Washington.

How far the United States Government is prepared to go in seeking concessions from Britain is a matter for conjecture.

President Roosevelt himself, it is recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to the despatch of milk, clothing and medicines to unoccupied France. — Reuter.

BRITISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON DISPUTE

ADMIRAL DARLAN'S statement in Vichy yesterday that French warships would escort French cargo-ships if the British continued their interference, was commented upon by a spokesman of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare.

He told Reuter's diplomatic correspondent: "Admiral Darlan stated he was still hopeful of an understanding with Britain over this matter.

"We in this country have hoped and continue to hope that France will show understanding for our blockade policy.

"If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government will always be prepared to consider them, but so far no proposals have been put forward.

"It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic cooperation with Germany.

Britain's Job

"Admiral Darlan may be responsible for feeding 40,000,000 people in France. Britain, however, is fighting to free not 40,000,000 people in France, but many times that number of enslaved people of Europe, including those same 40,000,000 Frenchmen.

"The Germans may have released two million quintals of wheat for France but this scarcely reflects any generosity since they are only returning a fraction of the wheat they have looted in France in the last 10 months."—Reuter.

COUPONS FOR BEER IS THE NEW IDEA

If a suggestion made by Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Hewart is put into effect

Beer will be rationed like petrol;

Englishmen will have to produce coupons, or permit cards — obtained from the Post Office — before they can get their pint.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hewart was presiding at the annual meeting of the Public House Trust in Glasgow.

His suggestion covered not only beer, but all intoxicating liquor.

"The supply should be restricted," he said, "to a fixed maximum quantity a day or a week, or for sale at one time."

AIR ATTACKS ON MALTA

Three enemy formations attacked Malta from different sides yesterday afternoon, according to an official communique.

A formation of bombers came over the island's south coast but did not release any bombs.

Simultaneously, however, several Messerschmidt 110's attacked and machine-gunned an aeroplane base.

This followed two alarms in the morning, when the enemy approached Malta presumably on reconnaissance.

Following the midday raid the enemy approached the coast in the afternoon but was turned away without attacking.

There have now been over 400 raids on Malta. — Reuter.

EVACUATED MOTHER CAME BACK: KILLED

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health, broadcasting appealed to evacuated mothers not to return to London with their children.

He told of a mother who left London with her three children for the country. She grew impatient and returned. On the day she brought the children back they were all killed by a bomb.

Mr. MacDonald said that despite "misfits and mistakes" the people of the reception areas were playing their part with unselfishness. In one civil defence region 200 large houses had been lent by owners or were requisitioned.

They were already occupied as hostels for large families, residential nurseries for infants, sick bays or maternity homes.

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Chancellor Preparing Biggest Budget In History

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(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

PASSAGE OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE BRITISH BUDGET, WHICH THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER IS NOW PREPARING, BUT WILL NOT AVERT STILL HEAVIER IMPOSTS FOR THE BRITISH TAXPAYER.

Sir Kingsley Wood will present next month the largest Budget in history but it will not cover expenditure on American war materials which will go into a separate account and be kept secret until the end of the war.

Already the Chancellor and experts are seeking fresh ways of raising revenue.

There may be some increase in direct taxation although this form of taxation has almost reached saturation point.

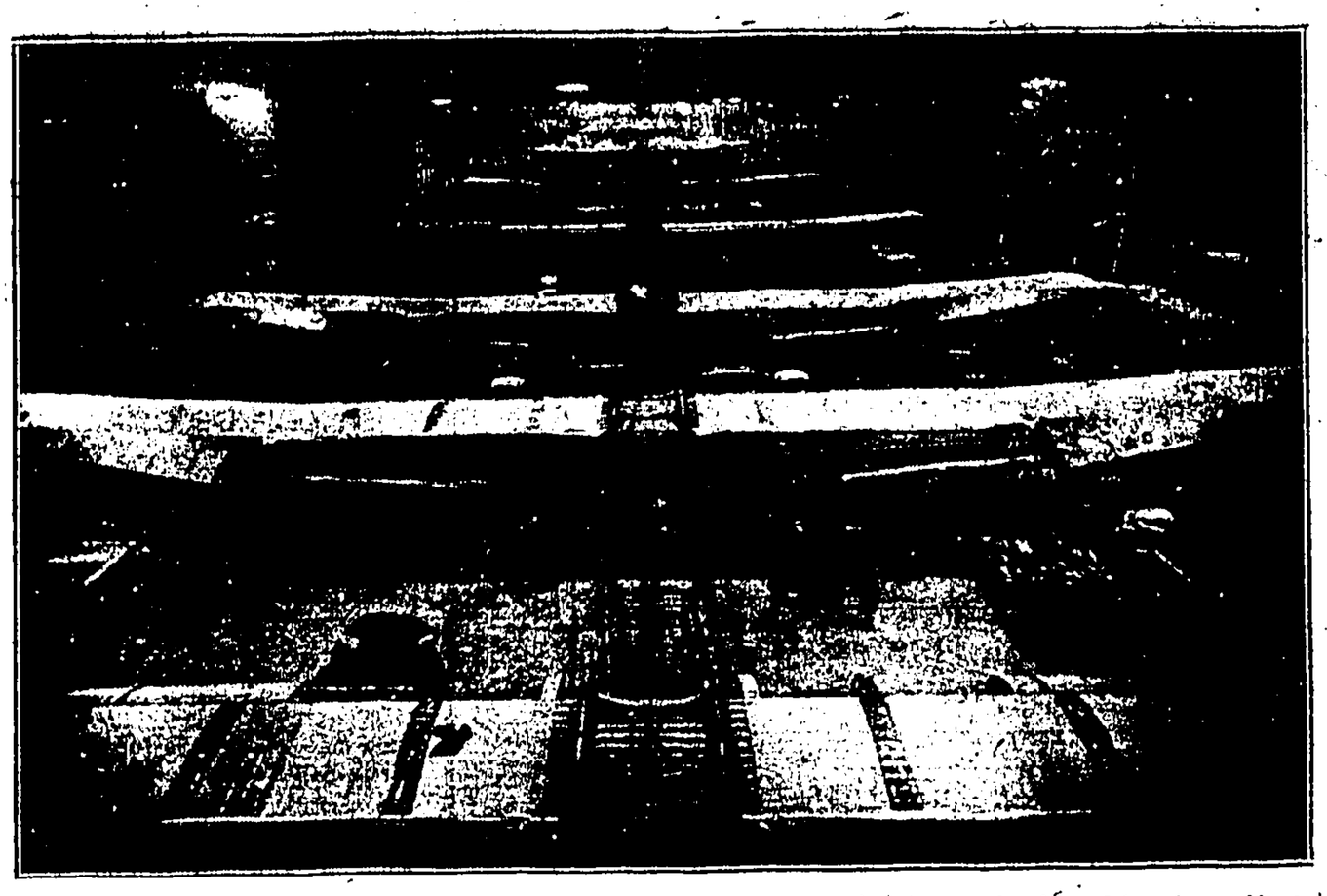
It is believed officials are turning toward expedients like a tax on services, namely an impost on railway fares, meals in restaurants and the like.

The Budget speech will be preluded by a candid statement on the national income designed to give a picture of the nation's real financial strength.

National Income

It was recently estimated that the British national income this year of £8,000,000,000 would expand further next year.

Allied with the question is that of inflation. Government are keeping a watchful eye on that aspect and have emphasised they will not hesitate to impose the necessary checks if any inflationary tendency becomes apparent.—Reuter.



Workers in Britain's factories are working day and night in the production of bombers. Here is a scene at a bomber factory in Northern England. The Spar Shop where wings 90ft. long are made. (Copyright, Fox).

STORE GIRLS WILL BE HOSTESSES

Girls who serve in a York walk-round bazaar have been saving up for weeks to entertain some of the soldiers stationed in the area.

And now the Lord Mayor of the city (Mr. W. Horseman) is to give the girls their big chance. They are to act as hostesses to the soldiers in the magnificence of the Mansion House.

A few weeks ago the Lord Mayor decided to throw the Mansion House open every Sunday afternoon to all men and women in uniform and to provide afternoon tea and a concert for them and any friends visiting them.

Now dozens of York people want to do the same.

"I have had nearly forty offers from business and professional men and their wives who want to be hosts and hostesses at these Mansions House receptions for the troops," the Lord Mayor said.

"They are keen to take every penny of the cost out of my hands. Every day people are competing for the honour of doing it all themselves.

"I shall always be there to make the boys and girls in uniform and their wives, husbands or sweethearts feel that these are civic events, and that we are as proud to have them in our Mansion House as we have been to entertain the most famous people in the country there."

BOMBED, BUT THEY DANCE ON

Revellers at a party in the basement shelter of a big building in London went on dancing — and kept step—when a high-explosive bomb crashed in the street a few yards away.

Londoners had heard sirens, guns and bombs early — after three raid-free nights, the longest lull since the air blitz began.

A basement dancer said: "There was a loud bang, the lights flickered, and there was a tinkle of glass, but the band went on playing and the couples continued dancing.

"The room was filled with dust and the floor shook, but everyone remained calm. No one even got out of step."

When a bus pulled up, the conductor told a girl about to dismount that there was a public shelter a little farther along the road.

"Shelter!" she exclaimed. "I am getting off here to attend a dance." And she picked her way across broken glass on the pavement.

Hospital Escapes

The bomb had severely damaged the front of a public house, but customers, throwing themselves on the floor, had escaped injury.

A hospital in the London area —it had 70 patients—was damaged when two heavy H.E. bombs fell in a field. There were no casualties.

They were the first bombs dropped in the district for a month.

Showers of incendiaries fell in one district.

Two H.E. bombs wrecked several houses in another London district. People were trapped under debris.

Rescue squads worked with 'planes overhead and a heavy barrage, and were able to get most of the people out. Several were injured.

A.F.S. and gas officials put out flames from a gas main in a hour.

Raiders passed over a south-east town going towards London almost continuously. A few bombs, including incendiaries, were dropped on the town.

Earlier in the evening, other machines had been heard, and it is believed that they were R.A.F. bombers leaving the coast to attack.

German reconnaissance 'planes were reported earlier over four towns in the north-east, over the West Midlands, south-west England and a Welsh town.

A high explosive bomb which damaged a mental hospital in a south-east England town struck a communicating corridor. One nurse and three patients were slightly injured.

The R.A.F. bombed the submarine base at Lorient and aerodromes in Brittany.

One enemy fighter was shot down off the French coast. Our 'planes returned safely.

A running fight just above the sea between a Blenheim bomber of Coastal Command and two Messerschmidt 109's ended with one of the German aircraft banking into the sea off the French coast and breaking up, and the other, severely damaged, making for home.

The bomber got home safely.

DUKE OF AOSTA FLIES TO ERITREA

The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, flew to Eritrea yesterday, visiting the capital of Asmara and the Red Sea port of Assawa, states Rome radio.

Later he returned to his headquarters. —Reuter.

BRITISH ARMY TALKS TO NAZIS

The first broadcast in German from London by a British soldier to German soldiers was preceded by the playing of the march of the British Grenadiers.

Having thus got the Germans into a receptive mood the British spokesman said:

"We shall give you facts, and not propaganda rubbish, such as that the English Channel at one point is only three miles wide, and that it is easy to cross by pontoon."

Another British soldier told the Germans that Marshal von Blomberg, Hitler's former war chief, was imprisoned in Landsberg fortress. The speaker added:

"Blomberg has been imprisoned because, in his opinion, Germany was not yet ready for war."

NEW YORK BUS STRIKE

NEARLY 1,000,000 WORKERS LIVING IN THE NEW YORK BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND QUEEN'S HAD TO FIND OTHER MEANS OF GETTING TO WORK YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN 3,500 EMPLOYEES OF BUS COMPANIES IN THOSE BOROUGHS STRUCK.

The strikers are asking for a 25 per cent. increase in wages and better working conditions.

Buses of companies affected in recent years have replaced most of the tram services. — Reuter.

THE ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

THE BRITISH ADVANCE INTO ABYSSINIA CONTINUES.

Announcing this, a communique issued in Nairobi yesterday states that British troops have occupied Gabre-Darre, an important road junction 140 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier and operations are proceeding according to plan.—Reuter.

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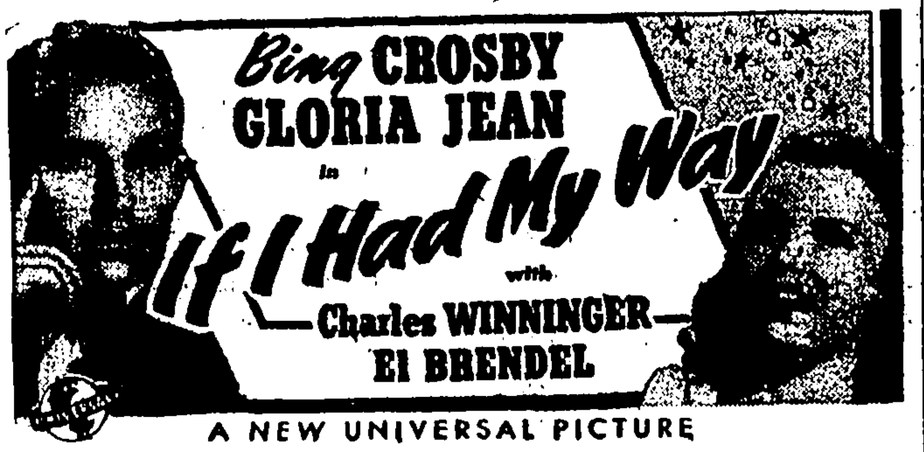

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MEDITERRANEAN AIR MASTERY BATTLE IN OFFING

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE R.A.F. CONTINUES to grow more powerful in the Middle East and the Balkans as the Italian menace dwindles and the German air threat looms larger.

It can be assumed that the R.A.F. is in a position to give a good account of itself should the Luftwaffe extend its field of activity independently or as a curtain for the German army.

The initiative should not even rest with the German air force.

Soon the weather will undergo a marked change for the better in south-east Europe and for the worse in Africa, making more extensive operations possible in the former and very difficult in Africa.

Hitler, stepping into the breach to save Italy from collapse, to safeguard his back door and prepare another platform for an attack against British interests, is estimated to have assembled about 1,000 'planes for operations on both sides of the Mediterranean.

Luftwaffe Bases

From Rumania the Luftwaffe has spread to Bulgaria and is establishing bases near the Greek frontier, and also, significantly enough, near the Black Sea, across which Germany receives oil supplies from Russia.

Its other main bases are in Italy and Sicily. Libya and the Dodecanese both have quotas as yet small of German aircraft.

It is clear, however, that the Germans are fully alive to the danger of the next British air strokes, wherever they may be delivered.

Reminders to the German public to take cover are, for one thing, becoming constant.—Reuter.

OFFICER IS REPRIMANDED

Lieutenant Thomas Lonsdale Hilton, a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve officer, was ordered by a naval disciplinary inquiry at Great Yarmouth to be severely reprimanded.

He was accused of expressing defeatist views liable to cause alarm and despondency among the public.

The Court found the charges proved.

Temporary Skipper Robert Herbert Soanes said that on December 9 Hilton got into conversation with him on a bus. He said that Hitler was a clever man to invade the Low Countries in twelve weeks, and to get his troops into Norway across 120 miles of water, and asked where was the British Navy that it had not stopped them?

"Rotten"

Hilton said, Skipper Soanes continued, that democratic government was rotten, and that if we did not watch out we should be blockaded.

He added that the working-class people would stop the war.

England was not free, only in speech.

The prosecutor submitted that there could be no doubt that Hilton's remarks, made in a public vehicle and overheard by a subordinate officer and a rating, could not but be regarded as of a defeatist character, and therefore prejudicial to good order and naval discipline.

BOY 14 DIED A HERO

A boy aged fourteen, who satisfied his love of adventure by performing hazardous tasks during Alerts, died serving his country.

Bernard Mendle, of Manchester, was six feet tall despite his youth.

Mothers and little children knew the lanky, bespectacled boy well. He often shepherded them to shelters when the banshee wailed.

Now they mourn him. For the lad who saw them to safety before going on A.R.P. duty lies in a hero's grave.

Bernard was still at school when war broke out.

The day he left school he joined the A.R.P. service in his district.

Then one night death rained from the skies.

Many buildings near his home were ablaze.

A call to volunteers was given Every man available was needed.

Bernard saw his chance—his big chance for the greatest thrill of his life.

Donning a fireman's uniform, fastening a helmet over his black curls, he picked up a hatchet and ran into a big building.

Soon he reappeared with valuable documents.

The crowd cheered him. He darted again into the flames. This time he did not return.

The people outside began to talk in hushed voices.

They realised that the boy who had done a man's job had died a hero's death.

BOY SAVED SCHOOL

Looking out of the window while at night school in Sheffield, fifteen-year-old James Edward Allen saw incendiary bombs bursting into flames, threatening to set the building ablaze.

He put out the fire, but paid for his heroism. Both his feet were badly burned, and he received a shrapnel wound in his face. He is in hospital.

"Although Jimmy's feet were badly burned he refused to give up until a high explosive bomb burst some distance away," one of the boy's chums told a reporter. "Shrapnel sent him to the ground, but by then he had just got his fire out."

Jimmy and his widowed mother are refugees. They left the Channel Islands when the German invasion began.

The boy got a job in a boot shop and tried to improve his education by attending night classes at Sorngfield Lane School.

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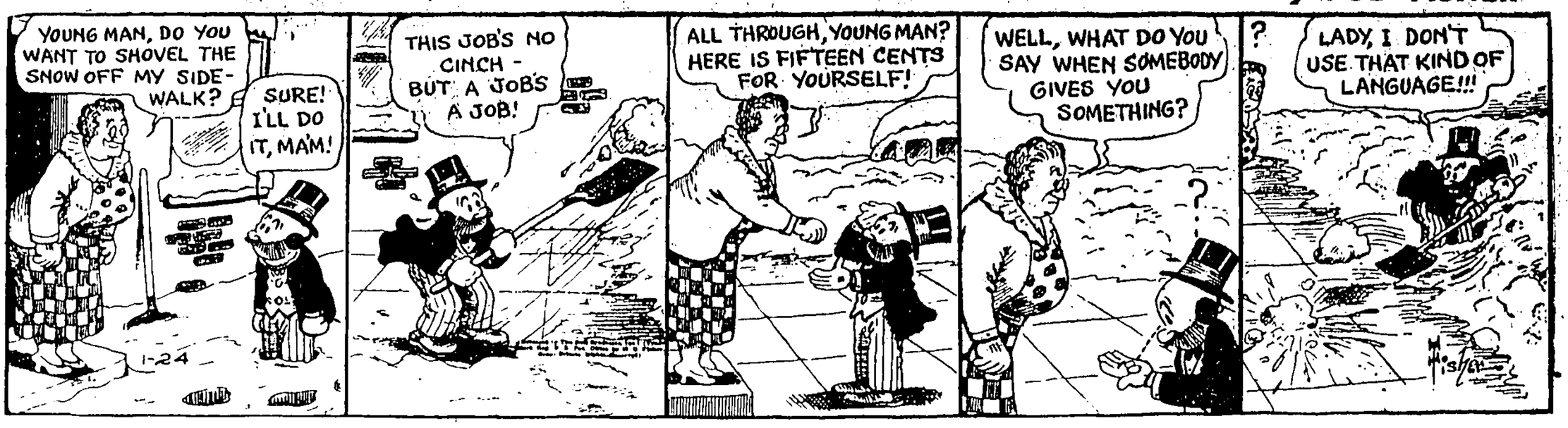

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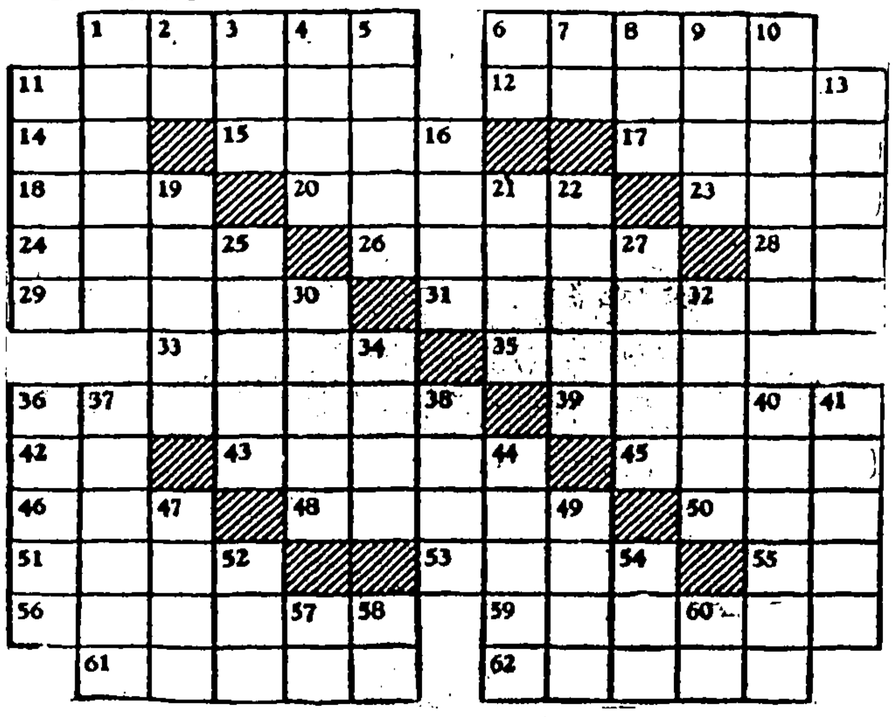

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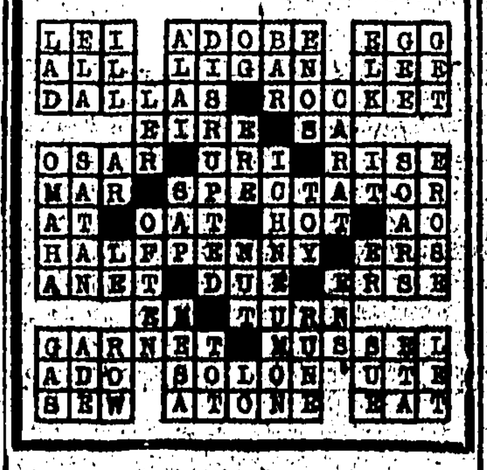

SAYS GIRL, 19, SWAM FOR LIFE

After a "life and death struggle" to ward off a soldier, a girl of nineteen dived into a canal and swam to the other side.

This story was told at Liverpool when Samuel Morgan, twenty-eight, an Irish Guardsman, was accused of assaulting Miss Anne McVittie, nineteen, and robbing her of a bicycle and other articles.

Mr. J. R. Bishop, prosecuting, said that Miss McVittie, a shorthand typist, was cycling along the towing path of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal on the night of October 4 when she saw Morgan.

Committed For Trial

"What took place," said Mr. Bishop, "appears to have been a life and death struggle to ward off the prisoner."

Mr. Bishop said that in order to escape, the girl suggested Morgan should hold her mackintosh. She then dived into the canal and swam to the other side. Morgan mounted the cycle and rode away.

Morgan told the London police he knew nothing about it and when charged at Liverpool said: "I have nothing to say, only I was not there."

Morgan pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was committed for trial at the next Liverpool Assizes and was granted legal aid.

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CRITICAL DAYS AHEAD, CANADA TOLD

DESCRIBING THE "rapid crystallisation of opinion in the United States in favour of actively assisting the democratic countries in their struggle against aggression" as the most important event of these past months, Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King warned the Canadian Parliament and the Canadian people that "a very critical stage in the war must yet be passed before the full aid of the United States becomes available."

"There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "that within a few weeks or months the enemy will make a tremendous effort to destroy the British Commonwealth by a series of smashing blows of unprecedented severity. Where the storm will break we cannot say. It may come in the Near East or in the Western Mediterranean or in the Far East or over Britain itself.

"It may come in more than one place and perhaps in all these places at once. Among diplomats and military authorities, there is a growing belief in the possibility of a world-wide conflagration involving an attempted German invasion of Britain timed with thrusts at Suez and Gibraltar and a Japanese thrust at Singapore. The destruction of British power is the bond that cements the Axis powers. Only by the defeat of Britain can the combined totalitarian powers gain their world sway, and it is well that this fact should be squarely faced."

Sees Endurance Test Ahead

In presenting the situation in this way to Parliament at its opening session, the Prime Minister said he did not want in any way to minimise the successes that had been gained in Africa and Albania. He wished, however, to warn the people of this Dominion that it would be necessary to steel their hearts and minds for a struggle which could not be long delayed.

Nazi Germany, now holding all but a fragment of the Continent of Europe with the whole western coast from the Arctic to the Bay of Biscay in her control, was enormously stronger than the Germany of the last war, he said.

Britain's vulnerability from the air was much greater than that of the enemy, and while everything that could have been done had been done to resist direct attack, this year must be one of endurance and waiting and building, he declared.

The spectacular victories in Africa, "where the Italian Empire is vanishing before our eyes," he said, "is good proof of the effort the Empire has made and of the worth of its leaders and its men. But it must not for be forgotten," Mr. Mackenzie King added, "that these victories have been won against the minor and not the major Axis partner. Italian power is one thing; the might of Nazi Germany is quite another."

To Concentrate On Types

Outlining what Canada was contributing to the common cause, the Prime Minister said Canadian armament production during the year would be concentrated on types of war equipment and weapons that are not available in the United States, such as Mark-3 tanks, small arms, Bren guns, aircraft, machine guns and anti-tank guns. The production of a wide range of naval guns and 25-pounder field guns would also be enlarged as Canada was the only source of supply for those guns outside of Britain, as she was for transport vehicles.

By March 31, 1942, the Canadian Navy, whose strength was now 175 ships and 15,000 men, would be 413 ships and 27,000 men. The plan for the army includes the dispatch overseas of reserves for the existing Canadian corps in England, an army tank brigade, a third Canadian division with its complement of corps troops and a Canadian armoured division.

Mr. Mackenzie King insisted that Canada's whole war enterprise had been planned and was being carried out in the closest cooperation with Great Britain. He set aside, however, the suggestion that an Imperial War Cabinet should be formed.

Emphasises U.S. Link

"A moment may come," he said, "when it will be both desirable and necessary for a conference of the heads of the British Commonwealth Governments to be held in London or in some other part of the British Empire." But for the present, communications were so easy and contacts so direct that no new development of the present system was essential to the better conduct of the war.

Discussing the outlook in general terms, the Prime Minister also made this statement:

"The possibility of immediate personal contact between the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States in critical situations affecting the relations between the United States and the British Commonwealth may easily be more important to the common cause than any services that a Prime Minister of Canada could render at the council table in London."

Turning to the situation in the Pacific, Mr. Mackenzie King said that "the utterances of some Japanese statesmen have been far from conciliatory."

He indicated that "within a few days" he would be in a position to make an announcement regarding the situation of Loring Christie, the Canadian Minister in Washington, whose work he praised but "whose condition of health will necessitate provision for immediate or additional representation at Washington."

19-YEAR-OLD HERO KILLED

Pilot-Officer David C. Leary, nineteen-year-old D.F.C. was killed in action last month, it was announced.

Pilot-Officer Leary was awarded the D.F.C. in November. His squadron was protecting two destroyers from enemy dive-bombers, escorted by a large number of fighters. The pilot-officer destroyed at least five of the 'planes.

TAKES A RAT OUT TO DINE

"Love me, love my rat," is the motto of Miss Laurian Jones, attractive eighteen-year-old daughter of Sir Roderick Jones, former Chairman of Reuter's.

For everywhere that Laurian goes her pet rat Kuppi goes, too. She carries him about in her pocket and takes him to dine at the best places.

At the Savoy Hotel the other night though, she was asked to take him out of the restaurant. Neighbouring diners objected to eating with a rat.

"Some people don't like him," she told me at her father's country home in Rottingdean, Sussex.

Plays Tricks

"I can't understand it, because he's really quite a harmless little fellow. He's pretty, too, and plays tricks like sitting up or brushing his whiskers.

He's only six months old, and I bought him in a shop for 2s."

Kuppi is piebald — black and white — with long whiskers and a longer tail. He scampers up and down Miss Jones's arm round her neck and scuttles away to her pocket.

At night he sleeps in a little box.

"I feel him on scraps," she told me, "but he'll eat anything.

"My mother used to keep pet rats when she was a girl, and I have never been frightened of them. If you got to know him you'd become very fond of him I'm sure."

His One Misdeed

Miss Jones knows quite a lot about rats.

"I bought a male," she said, "because females are savage. I'm afraid though, that Kuppi has bitten one of my brothers, otherwise he has behaved quite well."

At the age of thirteen Miss Jones illustrated her mother's book entitled, "National Velvet." Lady Jones writes under her maiden name of Enid Bagnold, and her daughter is an artist.

I asked Sir Roderick what he thought of his daughter's strange pet.

"Oh I don't mind it at all," he said.

RIBBENTROP'S FATHER DEAD

Lieutenant A. D. von Ribbentrop, father of Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, has died in Berlin, aged eighty-two.—Reuter.

Bing Crosby, Gloria Jean and El Brendel in Universal's "If I had My Way" at the King's Theatre.

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OFFENSIVE ON ALL FRONTS

The threat that the expected Spring offensive may be an offensive on all fronts begins to take the shape of reality. The possibility that all the aggressors might strike at once and together, not in concert but in collusion, each out to rake in his own plunder in a general orgy of plunder, has long loomed as the logical finale to the desperate gamble for world dominion in which they are now so deeply involved. The dictators have gone too far to retreat. They mistrust one another too much to act separately. The failure of the Italian attack in the Mediterranean, designed to be a key move in the grand manoeuvre, is a grim reminder that they rise and fall together, and a spur to the developments now taking place as they race to beat the assembly line in the American arsenal.

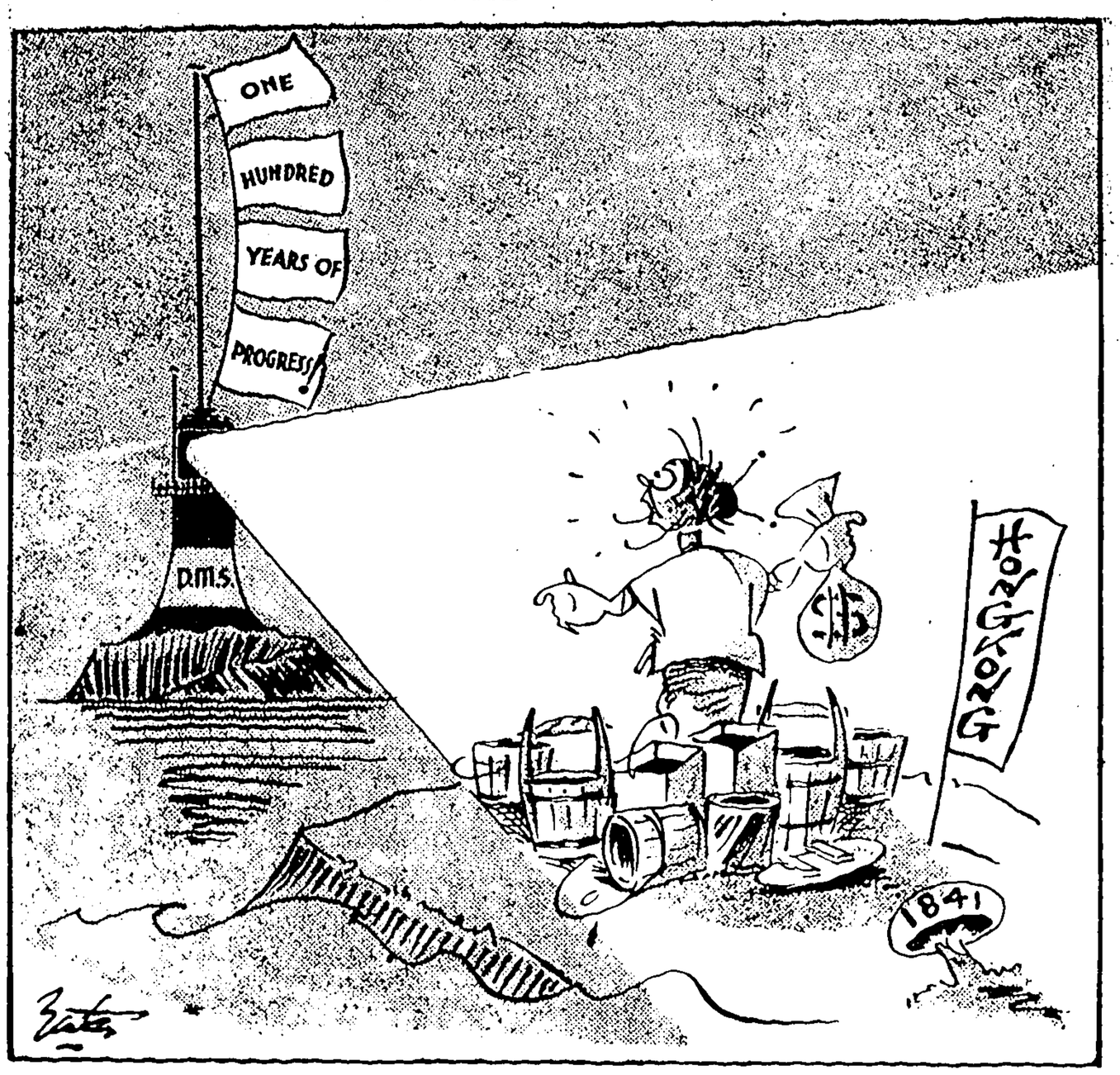
Having "arbitrated" to her own advantage the dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China, Japan is apparently casting her shadow on Singapore.

Suggestion is that the same military oligarchy that drove the Japanese into the quagmire of China is attempting to retrieve that costly failure by conquests in East Asia before the British fleet is able to divert part of its strength from the Mediterranean. Also, no doubt, it gambles on American commitments of aid to Britain to insure quiescence in the Pacific. But this has been from the beginning a war of miscalculations.

The crisis in the Orient is intended to synchronise with the mounting tension in Europe. Yugoslavia is expected to end resistance to joining the Axis. The fate of Bulgaria is sealed. Apparently deserted by Russia another "reluctant" little neutral is to be either passageway for Hitler's war or itself a battleground.

Either a many-pronged attack is planned in the Balkans, the Mediterranean and the China Sea, accompanied by an intense campaign to cut off American supplies to Britain, or the world is being misled by more false alarms. Such alarms may be the climax to the strategy of terror, but the very necessities of the dictators make it unlikely.

IN THE LIMELIGHT



THE MERRY WIDOW

We need modern Machine

By Major Hamish Wilson

The spirit in which the common people of Britain have withstood the strain and danger of ruthless aerial attack has aroused the admiration of the world. Such civilian courage merits, in return, the highest possible efficency in the armed forces.

Much is now said of the "cultivation of the offensive spirit." But is the Army really preparing for the Spring in an enlightened manner?

Britain undoubtedly has the raw materials and the scientists and skilled workmen.

Britain produced the one outstanding invention among the weapons of land-warfare in 1914-1918 — the tank.

Britain first organised a mechanised force and began to experiment with its use in the field.

Britain realised first the effectiveness of supporting such mechanised units by low-flying aircraft.

Yet it was left to the German mechanised divisions, with their attendant dive-bombers, to win the Battle of France. The British technical initiative in such matters was shelved by old-fashioned minds in high military quarters. We, together with our French Allies, have paid a heavy price for such folly.

To prepare an army for a successful war in an Age of Petrol requires the use of ideas and technical skill of men who have grown up in such an Age.

The "Boer War" mentality of many senior officers handicapped us in the early years of the last war. We have already been adversely affected in this war by the "1914-1918" outlook of many senior officers in the War Office and in the regimental commands. The control of the vigorous, imaginative ideas of the younger men by the outworn, set ideas of men who are senior by virtue of length of service must be broken.

It is wanton waste to await the test of action before the adjustment of true merit is attempted. A man accustomed to plan in terms of infantry moving at three miles per hour will find the speed of modern mechanised warfare a serious problem.

The solution is bound to be found more easily by men brought up as youth in the modern age, with their more mechanical turn of mind.

A New Partner

A key problem, then, of how best to train our army for an offensive later on is the administrative one of how to give command and fuller scope to men with modern minds.

A vital step in this direction would seem to be the reorganisation of the armoured units into a separate Army of our forces. In such an Armoured Corps it is essential that senior posts should be held only by men with mechanical knowledge, training and experience.

That the specialist nature of the Royal Armoured Corps is at long last being recognised in high places is shown by the recent appointment of Major-General G. Le Q. Martel to its command. Not only is General Martel the gifted inventor of the one-man tank; he is also a man of outstanding strategic ability.

It seems certain that such a man will soon gather around him a really efficient band of senior technical officers. These men should, by their enlightened attitude to modern warfare, at last be able to make a bold bid towards a still higher status for the Royal Armoured Corps.

Moreover, it would be well to simplify the whole organisation of the Corps, and not to continue to cling to the old cavalry groupings. This young formation would rank as the equal of any older-established groups; its senior officers would hold an equivalent ranking and its *independence* would be guaranteed.

The war will be won not by heroism, but by machines intelligently directed; not by masses of infantry, but by the breaking-up of such masses by mechanised units with aerial support.

We Need More Tanks

The number of Armoured Divisions, and the composition of each such division, will be a matter for careful, unprejudiced decision by the High Command.

It is certain that we had too few tanks in comparison with the enemy in France. It is also certain that, to be really effective, our policy must be bold.

At the outset of the war our mobile divisions were too light in fire-power; there was an undue preponderance of light reconnaissance tanks. A much stronger Division would be one consisting of about 100 heavy tanks, 150 medium tanks, and 100 light tanks, together with 10 smoke tanks for purposes of camouflage.

Such a division would comprise 350 armoured units. Its manpower would total about 3,500. Its hitting-power would be tremendous. In support of this armoured force, and attached to it, there must be an Artillery group consisting of one Brigade of 25-pounders, one light howitzer Brigade, and two A.A. batteries.

At least ten such divisions should be created as soon as possible.

The training of such armoured units must, of necessity, be highly complex. The morale of each unit will depend to a more marked degree than ever before upon the real efficiency (as distinct from leadership) of its officers. New ideas must be continually studied, practised and criticised both in attack and defence.

The creation of altogether new ranks for the personnel—to encourage the initiative of crews and to prevent any feeling of being too much merely part of a machine—might be considered.

Better Cooperation

There is yet another problem that should at once be tackled: the vast problem of liaison.

To maintain close cooperation between units in either attack or defence was — even in 1914-1918 —a complicated problem.

To do so to-day is certainly no less difficult. The enemy in France completely upset the British and French liaison system. Units became detached and scarcely knew where they were or where the enemy were either. This must on no account be allowed to happen again.

In the fast-moving warfare of to-day, a matter of essential importance is the proper use of wireless telegraphy. The enemy has shown himself far ahead of us in his grasp of the possibilities of radio in war. This has not been merely in the subtle tricks of propaganda, but also in this very matter of liaison between air, infantry and tank units.

There is no need slavishly to follow his example, but there is great need for improving upon our own employment of so potent a weapon.

Here again is yet another opportunity for the specialist technician. The most careful training of such men ought to be undertaken at once.

It must not, however, be thought that the increased importance of technicians renders infantry no longer necessary.

They must also be trained in the use of all the most effective modern weapons, such as Bren guns, Thompson guns, mortars, grenades, in anti-tank tactics, and so forth, but their function will no longer be the same as before. Frontal assaults will, we hope, be fewer—or the slaughter will be ruinous.

The armoured units, with their attendant air arm will seek out the weak spot of the enemy. When the breach is made, the motorised infantry will be rushed to it in trucks, and their business will be to take possession of the captured ground and to set up a consolidated defence of its flanks. They will also have to reduce, by manoeuvre and the use of their modern weapons, any remnants of resistance there may be.

They will keep open the tunnel through which the tanks will infiltrate and destroy the enemy.

For such duties, weapon training is very necessary. It is, moreover, of great importance that as many officers and non-commissioned officers as possible should be entirely proficient in the intricacies of map-reading. If it is easy to lose one's way with a marching column, it is far easier with one moving at ten times the speed.

Trade Union Role

Training in all such matters calls for highly intelligent perception and leadership. Our conscript army has within its ranks men with high technical experience in civilian life. These men must be so placed in their units that, though they learn thoroughly the fundamentals of general soldiering, their skill as technicians is not wasted.

There is always present the danger that they may get caught up into the ordinary routine of army life and their skill be lost.

Though their qualifications are noted on forms when they "register," forms have a habit of getting lost. Some machinery should be evolved whereby pressure could be put upon army commanders by a committee from the Trade Unions, if the skill of their members was being carelessly wasted.

It is even possible that if the Army is as yet not sufficiently supplied with the most modern equipment, many such men might still be of greater value to the war-effort in civilian life. The Army already has too many "square pegs in round holes," due in many cases to the slavish following of the "taxi-cab" system of promotion by length of service.

At the present moment, careful training, particularly that for the Armoured Corps, is of far greater importance than any long-term attempt to raise the general intellectual standards of the troops.

The standard of efficiency of all officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, must be continually tested by examination. In addition, examining staffs should themselves also be, from time to time, changed—to prevent them becoming stereotyped in outlook.

United Strategy

All such training involves almost limitless detail. Not only must mechanised experts, airmen and infantrymen, each know the exact part to be played by the others; they must also have as full a knowledge as possible of the others' difficulties.

In high places, the three major sections of the land forces—the Infantry, the Army Air Command, and the Armoured Corps—must each have an equal right to express an opinion upon strategy.

The role of tanks must be properly assessed. They are not a mere adjunct to the infantry—so many tanks to so many infantry units. They are the picked fighting force of the future.

They must be used in massed groups of their own, free from the demands of the infantry; small groupings of them will generally lead to severe losses. Whether they are held in reserve as an overwhelming fire-unit in a decisive counter-attack, or whether they are carefully prepared for offensive (as distinct from counter-offensive) action must be decided upon by the High Command strategists.

The opinion of tank experts must, however, be listened to without prejudice. Just as tank tactics are being improved, so is it reasonable to assume that anti-tank methods are also developing fast.

A bold and imaginative conception of the whole problem is an essential of land-victory. It is the co-ordination of all such matters by the High Command that must knit the modern army into an intelligent, democratic whole.

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FROSTBITE IS THE ONLY FEAR OF GREEKS

(From DAVID WALKER)

IN THESE STARK Albanian mountains where the Greek burial patrols find Italian dead by following the tracks of wolves through the snow, frostbite is a more dangerous enemy than the three Italian divisions defending the central route.

From this mountain top, where the temperature is now 22 below, I watched men leave barefooted for a long and terribly painful journey on mules towards hospitals. In some places they were carried by comrades as the tracks were too icy even for mules.

The tragedy of frostbite is that if treatment is not immediate, when feet turn black and swell, amputation is necessary. Yet communication in these precipitous advance posts with hospitals is very hazardous.

Unfortunately, England did not send sufficient boots and equipment to Greece. Many a young heroic Greek soldier, therefore, is to-day suffering amputation.

England should have foreseen the perils of a winter campaign in these mountains.

Doctor's Appeal

Fifty thousand pairs of English boots were sent, but they were insufficient to cope with the sufferings of these little men who sing even in their agony.

The head doctor at an important hospital told me:

"Three-quarters of my cases at present are frostbite, not enemy wounds. Owing to our lack of lorries, men sometimes do not arrive in time for early treatment, and I am thus forced to amputate.

"Men implore me not to amputate as they want to return quickly and fight the enemy, but I have no option.

"Please do everything in your power to let England know the truth. Send us urgently boots, lorries and equipment."

Every officer, nurse and doctor in the front line made similar requests.

Italians Suffering

I have seen the manner in which boots which have thawed by camp fires in evening freeze solid on men's feet before morning.

The Italians are suffering in the same manner, but in this sector most of them are Alpine troops, accustomed to appalling conditions.

To-day the mountain mist lifted and the Greek artillery immediately went into action, pounding Italian positions west-northwest of Pogradetz.

In some sectors of these mountains, the paths are so iced that mules suffer in dragging up heavy artillery.

Everywhere I was offered Greek cognac, hot soup and cigarettes by men whose rations naturally were minimum.

As the ravens gathered again in search of carrion, enemy 'planes were active bombing at random from an immense height.

I am the only British correspondent on this front. I am treated like a king by these Greek troops who have the typical Cockney outlook, laughing at danger and hardship.

RIGHT TO SLAP WIFE

Old Common Law right of a husband to "correct" his wife by slapping her was successfully pleaded recently.

Magistrates dismissed a wife's assault summons against her husband, who denied punching, but admitted slapping her.

She was ordered to pay the costs.

The wife was Mrs. Doris May Jay, of Brook Cottage, Thorington.

The husband was Mr. Charles Edward Jay, of Colchester Road, Thorington.

Mrs. Jay told the Thorpe-le-Soken (Essex) magistrates that they were married five years ago. They had two children.

"An Acquaintance"

For a year things went smoothly, but afterwards they were not happy.

On December 13, Mrs. Jay said, she was talking to a soldier when her husband came up and punched her on the head and in the stomach.

Cross-examined by Mr. G. G. Hinen (for her husband), Mrs. Jay declared that the soldier was "only an acquaintance," and denied that she had associated with other soldiers.

Mr. Hinen said to the Bench that under an old Common Law a husband had certain rights of correction over his wife.

Although this was a matter on which there was some doubt to-day, it was well established in former times.

Mr. Jay admitted slapping his wife because she was talking to the soldier.

The costs were 4s.

"ITALY RESTIVE" REPORT

Anti-Fascist underground organisations in Italy are busy distributing leaflets calling on the population "to be ready for the time when it comes," according to a broadcast in Bulgarian on the Ankara radio.

News from Italy, said the radio, indicated real and growing unrest among the Italian population.

"MURDER MOTIVE" NOTE

Every time he saw a woman in the street it appeared to be his lost Rose. She harassed his sleep.

Even at work she was there haunting him, laughing at his folly. For weeks he tried to forget her, but this was an impossible task.

That summary of a pencil-written document headed "Motive for Murder" was read in court at Dover.

Charles Arthur Tilbury, of Coomb-close, Dover, was sent for trial accused of trying to murder sixteen-year-old Primrose Edwards, usherette.

Tilbury, a jobless merchant seaman, pleaded not guilty to stabbing Miss Edwards while she sat with another man at the back of the gallery during a variety show at the Royal Hippodrome Theatre, Dover.

"Motive for murder" was found on Tilbury, said Mr. J. F. Claxton, prosecuting.

The document, read by Mr. Claxton, told how "a quiet, inoffensive young fellow" named Charlie fell in love with a pretty, fair-haired girl.

When he was "pushed aside" for someone else, "he very nearly committed the first murder Dover had known for years."

'Wrecked Everything'

Curbing his temper, he met a small dark girl named Rose, with whom he sought consolation only to fall deeply in love.

"Here was what he had lived, worked and dreamt of for five years."

Then came the war and with it a steward, "a tall, smirky, flunkey, who, strange to say, took her fancy and wrecked everything Charlie had worked for."

Charlie tried "reason, entreaties, threats, coercion and even black-mail," but without success, and gradually a cold anger took him.

Mr. Claxton said that after Tilbury and Miss Edwards had been walking out for eighteen months he asked her parents for permission to marry.

They refused, saying she was too young.

Recently Miss Edwards got to know a Mr. Douglas Heyman, with whom she was now walking out.

He was with her when the alleged murder bid was made.

NAZIS BUY PETAIN PHOTO

Lyons radio, quoting the "Paris Soir," states that many thousands of photographs of Marshal Petain were sold in Paris and that many were bought by German officers and soldiers.

PROTEST BY M.P. AGAINST INTRIGUE

PROTEST AGAINST "intrigues" affecting relations between the Navy and the R.A.F., and reference to a Cabinet Minister were made by an M.P. in the House of Commons.

Mr. Churchill had made a statement on substantial increases in the R.A.F. Coastal Command to help protect shipping when Mr. A. Hopkinson (Nat. Mossley) asked:

"In view of the excellent relations now existing between the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., will the Prime Minister assure the House that he will take all necessary steps to make an end of the newspaper intrigues in this connection and particularly those newspapers controlled by Lord Beaverbrook?"

[Lord Beaverbrook is Minister of Aircraft Production and a member of the War Cabinet.]

"Control The Cabinet"

Mr. Churchill: There has been a great deal of controversy upon this matter, and whenever it comes into consideration and review it seems to me that a certain amount of discussion appears on both sides. I cannot exercise any control over the Press other than that, which is well known to the House under existing war conditions.

Mr. Hopkinson: If he cannot exercise control over the Press, can he exercise control over his colleagues in the Cabinet?

"Yes, sir. I think I can," replied Mr. Churchill, amid laughter.

Asked if he would continue to pursue a policy of unity of command and unity of purpose concerning the extremely difficult question of the Western approaches Mr. Churchill replied: "Yes, it is extremely important, and the last thing we want is an inter-Services controversy."

He had said earlier when asked for assurances regarding any possible change in the control of the Command: "I see no reason to give any specific assurances which would tend to impair the responsibility of the Government to Parliament for the proper conduct of the war.

"It is my duty as Minister of Defence to review such questions from time to time in the light of current experience.

Close Contact

"I have come to the conclusion that, while there is no need at the present to change the position of the Coastal Command as part of the Royal Air Force, it is necessary that the Coastal Command should play a more important part than hitherto in trade protection.

"For this purpose substantial increases, some of which have already been effected, will be necessary.

"As the function of Coastal Command squadrons is that of co-operation with the Royal Navy, the operational policy of the Command must be determined by the Admiralty, of course, in consultation with the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

"Excellent relations have been established since the war between the two Services and the closest contact exists between the naval and air authorities. I am satisfied that the integrity of operational direction will be fully achieved."

GOERING HOUSE OF LOOT

Goering has filled his Berlin home with treasures looted from capitals of conquered countries. Rare tapestries and ornaments from museums and private houses have been used to gratify his love of ostentation.

Many Germans know of Goering's conduct and are ashamed of it, an American and former friend of the Reichmarshal told me.

"Why does Hitler, who still lives in a simple manner, allow Goering to act as he does?" ask the Germans.

"It must be that Hitler cannot stop him. That can be the only answer."

The American told me how he was recently invited to Goering's house.

Child's Jewels

"And now," said Frau Goering, "you must meet my little daughter, Edda."

He was taken to the nursery, where he found Edda playing with toys. She came forward prettily to be introduced.

"Then," said my informant, "I was horrified to see that the two-year-old child was weighed down with a huge string of jewels.

"The house glittered with ornaments. Priceless tapestries and rare carpets were everywhere. It was over-powering. I was glad to get away."

LOST SPEECH FOUND AFTER 51 YEARS

Queen Victoria made an address to Parliament fifty-one years ago, but a Canadian newspaper at Alvinston, Ontario, has only just received it.

It was found in the form of a "boiler plate," a column-long metal casting ready to publish, which had been consigned to the newspaper office, but had somehow been lost at the local railway station.

Demolition of a goods shed at the station revealed the lost parcel.—Reuter.

BEAUTY, 20, TO WED MAN, 75

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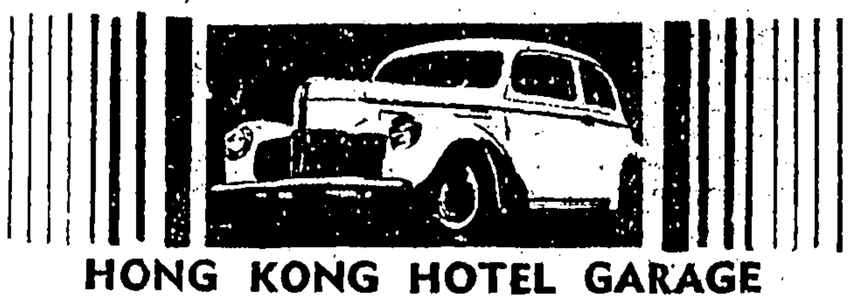

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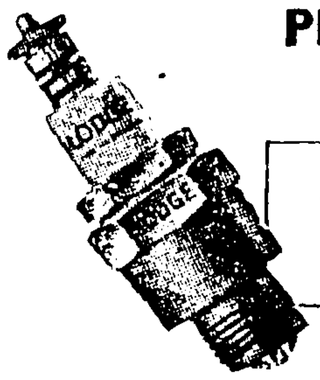

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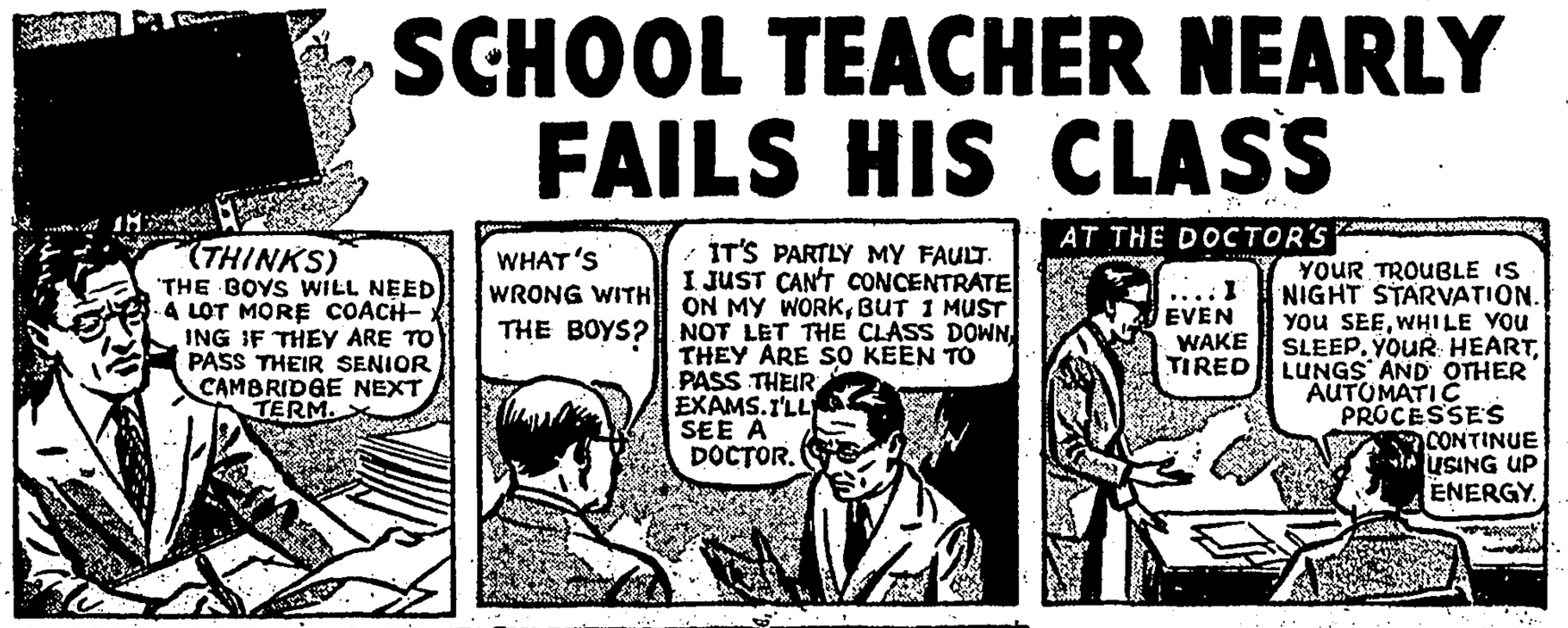

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of $3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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RISKED LIFE FOR A BIBLE

A young Congregation Minister on fire-watch duty, who risked his life to save a Bible and Hymn Book from the pulpit of a blazing, bombed chapel, is the hero of a Welsh town.

For two hours after this exploit he stood, dressed in his pyjamas, directing a hose pipe into flames which threatened several hundred nearby houses.

A chapel member told a reporter: "Our pastor, the Rev. Jones was really wonderful. He lives next door to the chapel and was in his garden fire-watching when the raid was at its worst.

"He saw an incendiary fall on the roof and rushed into the chapel. The ceiling was burning furiously.

"He risked his life to climb into the pulpit to save the Bible and Hymn Book.

"The organ above the pulpit was a sheet of flames and burning chunks of wood fell about him, but he came out unharmed and went back to help the firemen."

The minister's only comment when he surveyed the ruins was, "Thank God the chapel had it and we were able to save the houses."

PINCH WIVES' BEAUTY POTS

Husbands — some of them he-men — are being hit by the recent rationing of beauty products.

In shops and stores they made a raid "for their wives" on lotions and creams rather than lipsticks and powder.

Beauty experts and saleswomen believe the fact that most men have a secret hankering for their wives' beauty pots is the reason.

One in Liverpool remarked: "These men are not effeminate.

"They like to use creams after shaving and to protect their skins from the weather, as some of them have much more sensitive skins than their wives.

"Women clients who tell me their husbands pinch their lotions usually add they are thoroughly tough in all other respects."

Another expert explained: "Men are often too lazy or too shy to buy their own creams, but if they buy a beauty box for their wives they can kill two birds with one stone."

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

WARNING!

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BRIDGE NOTES

What Kind Of Double?

By The Four Aces

"What kind of double did East make in the enclosed hand?" queries a St. Louis reader. "It started an interesting debate, which is still going on."

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

	♠ A 10 8 7 6 ♡ Q 10 6 2 ◇ A Q 5 ♣ J	
♠ Q 4 ♡ 9 8 7 ◇ J 10 8 ♣ K 9 8 3 2	N W E S	♠ K J 9 3 2 ♡ A J 4 ◇ 7 ♣ A Q 10 4
	♠ 5 ♡ K 5 3 ◇ K 9 6 4 3 2 ♣ 7 6 5	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2◇	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"After South had made his contract with an overtrick, West hastily asserted that East's double was a Penalty Double, since he hadn't doubled at his first opportunity. East replied that it should have been obvious that he was doubling for a Takeout. We all granted that was so when we saw his hand, but are not sure that West could have known when the hand was actually being bid.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE ... 3
KING ... 2
QUEEN ... 1
JACK ... ½
TOTAL VALUE OF PACK 10

"If East and West were both experts, what would East's double mean in the situation described—a Penalty or a Takeout Double?"

It would be a Takeout Double. To begin with, remember that South has passed originally and that North's failure to rebid denies a strong hand. Someone must have a good hand; and West should realise that when the opponents confess weakness and his own hand is poor, his partner should have a strong hand. Then again, what point would there be in doubling for penalties? North and South would just "run" to a safer contract, thanking East for warning them of their danger.

As a matter of fact, West's own hand should make it obvious that the double is not for penalties. Surely North and South should have at least seven or eight diamonds between them for the two-diamond bid and North's pass of acceptance; and West can see three more diamonds in his own hand. Therefore East cannot have enough diamonds for a Penalty Double.

* * *

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♡ 5 2
◇ 8 4 2
♣ J 6 5

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. Your main reason for responding to one diamond was that your partner might have an extraordinary "fit" for spades. The jump in no-trump denies any such wonderful support for spades, so you must avoid any further increase in the contract by passing.

Score 100% for pass, 20% for three spades.

Question No. 661

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 10 9 6 3
♡ Q 5 4 2
◇ 8 3
♣ J

The bidding:

Maier	You	Schenken	Jacoby
3◇	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says she certainly cuts a figure on the ice rink he means she's a swell performer.

OFF THE RECORD — By ED REED

"He has your chin, Dear—if my memory is correct?"

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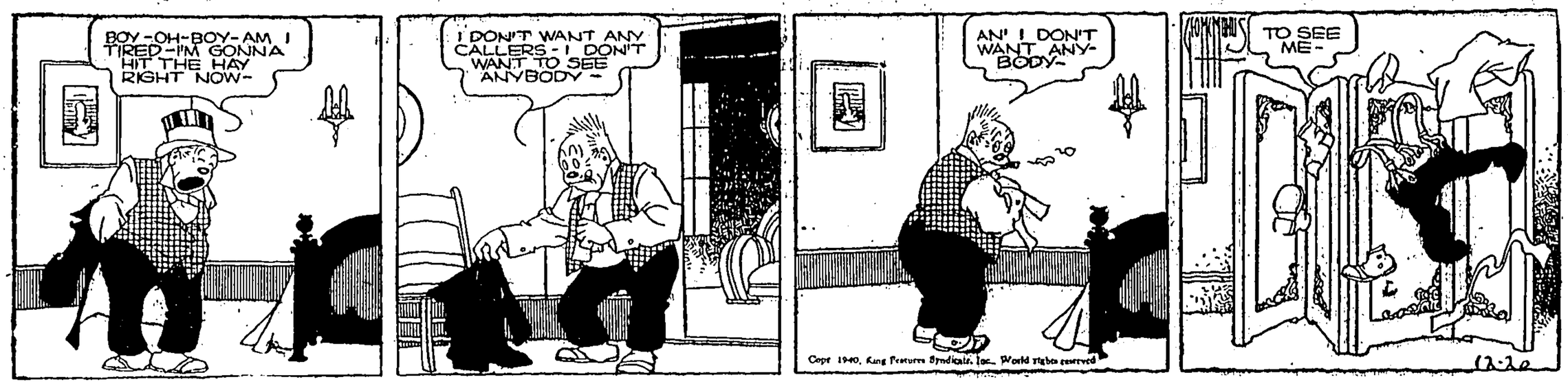


A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Time Out For Hot Soup

. . . And On Cold Winter Days Let Soups Be Hearty & Sustaining

Says Dorothy Greig

Stamping in after a morning's workaday bout with cold and wind, it's cheery to sit down to a bowl of hot soup.

Stout, substantial soups truly give something to "come and go on" when winds blow cold. And to-day, thanks be, hearty soups are a matter of minutes only to prepare. They come out of cans to be heated in short order.

One thing I like to do is combine one soup with another. It's a wonderful way to get soups that are extra thick and nourishing. Also, such soups are individual and different. For instance, here are some that are especially savoury.

Frost Bite Chaser

1 can condensed clam chowder
1 can condensed chicken gumbo soup
2 cans milk (using soup can for measure)

Empty the clam chowder into a sauce pan and to it add the chicken gumbo soup. Then stir in 2 cans of milk. Heat to boiling point, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

Skier's Warner-Up

1 can condensed bean-with-bacon soup

1 can condensed pea soup

1 can water

1 can milk

1 frankfurter, sliced

Combine the bean-with-bacon soup and the pea soup. Stir in the water gradually and then add the can of milk (using the soup can for a measure). Heat to the boiling point, but do not boil. Saute the frankfurter slices in a little butter and use as garnish. Serves 5-7.

Ole Man Winter Soup

1 can condensed pea soup

1 can condensed pepper pot

2 cans of water

Combine the pepper pot and pea soups. Then add the 2 cans of water, using the soup can for a measure. Heat and simmer for 3 minutes. Serves 5-7.

Toboggan Slide Bisque

1 can condensed tomato soup

1 can condensed celery soup

1 can milk, using soup can for measure

Combine the tomato and celery soups. Then add 1 can of milk, using the soup can for a measure. Heat, but do not boil. Serves 4-5.

Skater's Whirl

1 can condensed Scotch broth

1 can condensed tomato soup

1 can condensed pea soup

2 cans water.

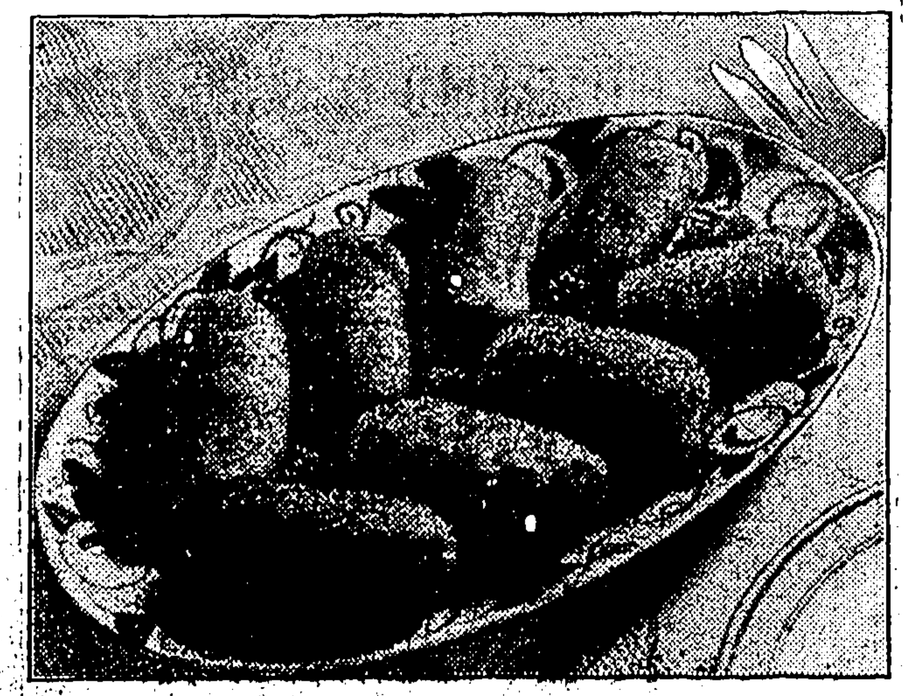
To the pea soup add the can of tomato soup stirring constantly. Then add 1 can of Scotch broth. Stir in 2 cans of water (using soup can for a measure). Serves 7-9.

Ham and Mushroom Croquettes

pan hot...crispy brown...and tender

by Dorothy Greig

THERE'S nothing namby pamby about these croquettes. They exult in keen relishing flavor. That is partly because they are made of ham, in itself one of our most flavorsome of meats.



To that is added the velvet creaminess of condensed cream of mushroom soup with its fullness of mushroom flavor, finely chopped eggs and seasonings. Let us roll, dip and quick fry our croquettes to hot brown crumb crispness. Then serve them in all their fork tenderness to the ones that we love best.

The Croquettes

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
6 hard-cooked eggs, finely chopped
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¼ teaspoon prepared mustard
1½ cups soft bread crumbs
1 cup ham, finely chopped

Combine the salt, Worcestershire sauce and prepared mustard with the chopped eggs. Heat the cream of mushroom soup and add the chopped eggs (with seasonings), soft bread crumbs and chopped ham. Heat and cook 4-5 minutes. Chill for 2-3 hours. Mold into croquettes.

The Breading for Them:

Flour
Fine crumbs
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 tablespoons water

Dip the croquettes in a mixture of the flour and fine bread crumbs (⅔ flour and ⅓ crumbs), then in the egg mixed with milk or water, and roll in the fine crumbs at the last. Fry in hot, deep fat (365°-385° F.) for 2-5 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 8 croquettes.

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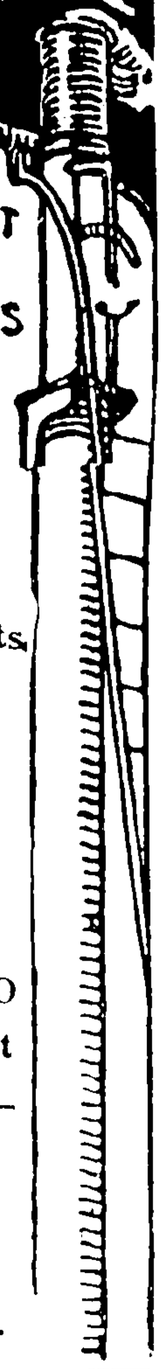

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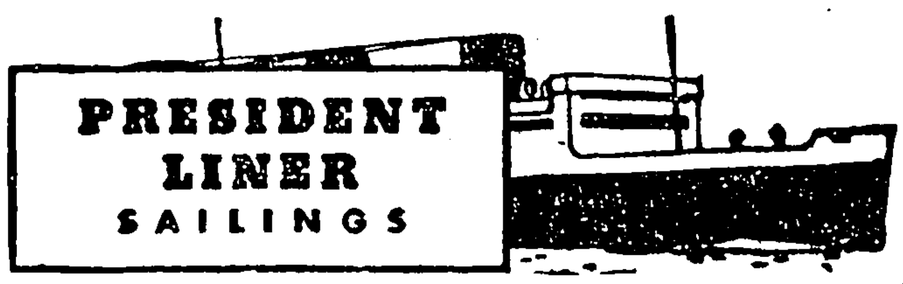

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

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Par. 11th 5.00 p.m.
Let. 12th 8.30 a.m.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m. — London Piano-Accordéon Band.
Where the Mountains Meet the Sea (Buffer & Tilsley); Remembrance (Melfi & Others); Maid of Brazil (Le Roy & Marsden); The Whistling Waltz (film 'Limelight'); Back In Those Old Kentucky Days (Brown); Good Evening! Pretty Lady (Evans & Others)....with Vocal Chorus.
12.50 p.m.—Songs by The Street Singer.
Say It (from 'Buck Benny rides again'); I Won't Tell A Soul (Parker, Charles); Goodnight, Angel (from 'Radio City Revels')....with Instrumental acc.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Compositions of Albeniz.
Navarra...Artnur Rubinstein (Piano); If I could Forget your Eyes...Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Sevilla...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Suite Iberia ... Madrid Symphony Orchestra conducted by Enrique Fernandez Arbos
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
Rumba—Jungle Drums ..Henry King & His Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Sunrise Serenade, Stairway to the Stars ..Jack Hylton & His Orchestra; Tangos—Noche De Reves, Che Papusa Oi!...Geraldo & His Gaucho Tango Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Sing, My Heart (film 'Love Affair'), The Gentleman Awaits ..Will Osborne & His Music; Waltz—Mammy's Lullaby...The Green Brothers' Marimba Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
'The Maid of the Mountains'—Selection (Fraser-Simson)...The London Palladium Orchestra cond by Richard Crean; 'Jolly Roger'—Vocal Gems...Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; 'The Three Waltzes'—Selection (Oscar Strauss—after Johann Strauss, father & son) ...Orchestra Georges Tzipine with Grand Opera of the Gaumont Palace, Paris.
6.55 p.m.—A.R.P. Announcement regarding the forthcoming Census
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m. — London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements
8.02 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ. Song of Paradise (King); Serenade (Moussorgsky); In A Monastery Garden (Ketelbey); Second Serenade (Heykens).
8.15 p.m.—Harry Roy's New Stage-Show (Recorded at the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London).
8.30 p.m.—Film Selections.
'Sailing Along' Selection...Louis Levy & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Gerry FitzGerald and Eve Becke; 'Wake Up and Live'—Never in a Million Years, It's Swell of You...Alice Kaye with Cy Feuer Orchestra; 'Rosalie'—Rosalie, 'Life of the Party'—Roses in December ...Rawicz and Landauer (Piano Duets); 'The Great Victor Herbert'—Someday, Thine Alone...Allan Jones (Vocal) with Orchestra; 'It's Love Again'—Selection...Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony with Janet Lind (Vocal).
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 p.m.—De Groot & His Orchestra with Charles Kullman (Tenor).
Chanson Bohemienne (Boldi), On A Dreamy Summer Night (Krome)... De Groot & His Orchestra; Smilin' Through (Penn)...Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra; Autumn (Chaminade)...De Groot & His Orchestra; Gypsy Love Song (Victor Herbert)...Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra; Traume (Wagner)...De Groot & His Orchestra; Vale (d'Arcy & Russell), Love, Here is My Heart (Ross & Silesu) ...Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra & Organ; In The Night (Tate)...De Groot & His Orchestra.
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only)
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.
10.15 p.m.—Humorous Variety Programme.
Vocal—Grub (Frankau & Others). Music (Frankau & Others)...Murgatroyd & Winterbottom with Piano; Comedienne — A Perfect Lady (Pherns & Gwyn)...Doris Palmer with Piano; A Musical Caricature—Phonograph Record, Player Piano and Carmen Lombardo. Alec Templeton; Comedian—Backscratcher... Max Miller with Orchestra; Comedienne—Down at Our Charity Bazaar (Aza)...Gracie Fields with Orchestra; Comedian — Impshe ... Max Miller with Orchestra; Impressionist—The Singing Lesson Jane Carr, Vocal - Said the Little Brown Hen (Formby & Others)...George Formby with His Ukulele & Orchestra; Impressionist -Sun Bathing... Jane Carr, Vocal—Trailing Around in a Trailer (Gifford & Cliff)... George Formby & His Ukulele with Orchestra; Humorous Monologue—One Each a Piece All Round... Stanley Holloway with Piano; Comedienne—Whiskers and All (Weston)...Gracie Fields with Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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FATHER GASSED IN PICK-WRECKED ROOM

Coming downstairs Frederick John Gearing, aged thirteen, found his father dead in a gas-filled room, which was strewn with furniture smashed with a pickaxe.

The boy was told by the Leicester coroner, "You did very well in such tragic circumstances." The father was Edwin Frederick Gearing, aged thirty-five, who was living apart from his second wife.

Verdict: Suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

UNIVERSITY ARTS PLAYS

The Hong Kong University Arts Association are presenting G. B. Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion," preceded by a short Chinese play in English, "The Horsedealer's Story," on Saturday March 22, at 8.45 p.m. in the University Great Hall. A special performance for schools will be given on Friday, the 21st at 7 p.m. The proceeds from both performances will be given to the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

Woman's Will Power Saves Family

MOTHER, DAUGHTER and son, trapped in the basement of their bomb-wrecked home, were saved after rescue squads had tunnelled under four houses.

But they were only freed because a sister insisted that they were in the basement. Officials had believed that no one was under the wreckage.

After the house was hit Mrs. A. Beale almost wept for joy as she heard the sound of shovels and picks striking wreckage.

She did not know that it was a demolition squad at work, unaware that anyone was trapped in the vicinity.

"No One Here"

Then the sound of someone moving overhead reached the three occupants of the dark, dust-filled room.

To their horror the family heard a voice faintly in the distance say, "It's all right, there's no one here; they were all evacuated before the raid."

The frantic mother and her daughter, aged seventeen, shouted for help but their cries were not heard.

Mr. Beale, the husband, had left the shelter for a few minutes before the bomb fell, but has since been reported missing.

Ironically, Mrs. Beake, her daughter Irene and her son John could hear the demolition squad still working, salvaging the furniture, only a hundred yards away.

Mother and daughter shouted themselves hoarse, but the hours dragged by until they had been trapped for ten hours. They had no food or water.

Scent As Reviver

Bravely, Mrs. Beale tired to keep up the spirits of her son, aged six, and daughter.

Irene, with a tiny bottle of scent she found in her handbag, bathed the foreheads of her mother and little brother to soothe them.

But outside, by a miracle, the sister of Mrs. Beale, who had heard of the damage, was telling the demolition squad that she was certain that her sister and children were among the wreckage.

For a time no one believed her, the area had been officially evacuated, but they woman had pleaded with them.

The captain of the squad gave the order and the rescue workers began to tunnel through four houses to get to the basement.

To their amazement they found the family exhausted and suffering from shock, but still alive.

"Leave Us The Light"

Mr. A. W. Brown, one of the rescue squad told a reporter:

"When we first made the hole in the wall and shone a torch through Mrs. Beale cried, 'For heaven's sake leave us the light.'

"It was fourteen hours after they had been trapped before we got them out. All of them were overjoyed.

"The little boy, who had been very brave, said: 'Thank you, mister,' when we lifted them out.

"Mrs. Beake told me that the worst part of their ordeal was when they heard people near them saying there was one in need of help.

"It was like being buried alive."

Mr. Beale, who had apparently left the shelter and intended to return, has not yet been traced.

Mrs. Beale and her family are now staying with friends in another London district.

GAVE BACK PENSION

William Lace, of Lezayre, Isle of Man; was a conscientious man.

For sixty years he was chorister in the parish church and for thirty-three years sexton.

When he died he left nearly the whole of his life's savings, about £1,000, to the parish church.

There was one bequest which puzzled his friends—£150 to the Isle of Man Old Age Pensions Board.

Then one provided the explanation. William had drawn an old age pension for a time. He was entitled to it as an insured person.

He had left the £150 to the Pensions Board so that it could not be said he had taken anything for nothing—though he had, in fact, contributed towards his pension.

"William was like that," a friend said. "I can imagine him worrying about taking a pension when he had money saved.

PRIESTS FINED

TWO ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS APPEARED AT ECCLES, LANCS, ON CHARGES CONCERNING THE TRANSMISSION OF LETTERS TO FIRE OTHERWISE THAN BY POST.

Father Robert Patrick Madden, aged thirty, of Kennington Lane, London, was fined £10 (10s. costs) for unlawfully conveying two letters.

Father Patrick Joseph Kehoe, aged thirty-nine, of Stockwell Park Road, London, was fined £10 (10s. costs) for unlawfully sending the letters.

Superintendent Hogg stated that Father Madden was travelling from Barton Airport by 'plane to Dublin. He said he had nothing to declare. Two sealed letters were found in his wallet.

UNUSUAL FILM SHORT

One of the most unusual of short subjects to come from Hollywood for some time is Warner Bros. "Cavalcade of Academy Awards," which will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day.

Every star who ever won an Academy Award is in it, and the mammoth parade starts as far back as 1928 when Jeanette Gaynor won the first "Oscar" with her performance in "Seventh Heaven."

Brief flashes of famous box office performances follow with each succeeding year, and the story is grippingly told by "Oscar" himself; a role taken by Hollywood's famous commentator, Carey Wilson.

Memories of Marie Dressler's stirring performance in "Min and Bill," Al Jolson's "The Jazz Singer," the first talkie to be filmed, Norma Shearer's "The Gay Divorcee," Emile Jannings' "The Way of All Flesh," and many other outstanding film achievements crowd the mind as the first few years flash all too quickly by.

As a fitting climax is the recent Academy Award dinner in Los Angeles. Every star in Hollywood is present in hopeful anticipation. Famous personalities of screen and radio take turns on the platform in awarding the great, and Directors, technicians, playwrights, authors and song writers share honours with the stars in receiving the award.

To David Selznik go the highest honours for the best direction of the year. Robert Donat shines as the male star for his performance in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," while Vivien Leigh gets first acclaim as Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind." Also amongst the first five in the male class are Clark Gable, Laurence Olivier and James Stewart, while feminine stars include Bette Davis, Greer Garson, Greta Garbo and Irene Dunne. Not to be outmoded are Hattie McDaniel, loveable mammy of "Gone With The Wind," and Thomas Michell of "Stage Coach" fame, who receive special awards for supporting roles. The juvenile award was received that year by Judy Garland, actress and songstress of "The Wizard of Oz." And so on ad infinitum.

This Warner Bros. short was produced by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences under the personal supervision of Frank Capra, well-known director of many outstanding motion picture productions and himself twice winner of the Academy Award for the best direction — M. A. M.

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Q.T. HOCKEY MATCH TO-DAY

THIS AFTERNOON the Army (British team) are expected to defeat Hong Kong Hockey Club in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament which will be played at King's Park, bully-off 4.45 p.m.

The team representing the British Army will be as follows:—
L/Cpl. Dove (Royal Signals)
Cpl. Neve (Royal Scots)
Bdr. Anderson (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
Sgt. Crowley (Middlesex Regt.)
Sgt. Croston (Royal Engineers)
Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex Regt.)
Cpl. Singleton (Royal Engineers)
Pte. Sheehan (Middlesex Regt.)
Pte. Hitchcott (Royal Scots)
Cpl. Shaw (Royal Engineers)
Sgt. Homberg (Royal Engineers)
RESERVES:—Cpl. Alsey (Royal Scots) and L Sgt. Taylor (Royal Engineers).

This same team will play against the Indian Army team on Friday, at Marina ground, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

A good match should be witnessed this afternoon in the semi-final of the Small Units Knockout competition between the 3rd Med. Battery, H.K.S.R.A. and the Hong Kong Signal Company at Sookunpoo, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

How they reached the semi-final:—
SIGNALS
Beat 7th A.A. Bty., R.A.
Beat H.K.S.R.A. (H.Q. Coy.).
Beat 40th (F) Coy., R.E.
34 MED. BATTERY, H.K.S.R.A.
Beat 20 h Hvy. Bty., R.A.
Beat 35th M.C.D. Bty., H.K.S.R.A.
Beat 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A.

The 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A. have already entered into the final of this competition by defeating H.Q. Coy., Middlesex Regt.

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Snooker

THE Medical Corps are still leading by one point in the Garrison Snooker League from the Royal Engineers Sergeants.

Both have played 10 games and the points are:—Medical Corps 39 points, and R.E. Sergeants 38 points.

MATCHES PLAYED DURING LAST WEEK
R.A. Sgts. Stanley 4 points—C.M. Police 2 points.
R.E. "A" Team 2 points—R.A. Sgts. Stanley 4 points.
Signals "A" Team 2 points—R.A. Sgts. Stanley 4 points.
R.E. Sgts. 5 points—R.E. "A" Team 1 point.
R.A.P.C. 4 points—Signals Cpls. 2 points.
C.M. Police 3 points—R.A.M.C. 3 points.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	10	5	1	4	39
R.E. Sergeants	10	6	2	2	38
R.A. Sgts. Stanley	10	5	1	4	34
C.M. Police	10	2	3	5	29
R.A.P.C.	10	3	4	3	27
R.E. "A" Team	10	2	4	2	27
Signals "A"	10	3	7	0	23
Signals Cpls.	10	2	6	2	23

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Association Football

TO-MORROW at Caroline Hill Army will play Navy in the Kotewall Cup kick-off 4.30 p.m.

This should be a good game, in view of the fact that Navy beat Kowloon Football Club on Saturday by four clear goals.

The Army team will be as follows:—
L/Cpl. Bankier (Royal Scots); Pte. Naysmith (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Fraser (Royal Scots); Cpl. Birrell (Royal Engineers), L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex Regt.) and Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex Regt.); Sgt. Owens (Royal Artillery), Spr. Fox (Royal Engineers), Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots), Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) and S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.) (Capt.).
RESERVES:—L/Cpl. Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Bdr. Guy (Royal Artillery), Gnr. Atkins (Royal Artillery) and Pte. Munro (Royal Scots).

Royal Army Service Corps are still piling on the goals and last Saturday they gave no mercy to their opponents, Kwong Wah, whom they defeated by eight goals to two, this bringing their goals scored so far this season to 105.

They are one point behind Royal Engineers, but have played one game more.

Both the senior military teams had a win on Saturday and this was the Diehards' third successive win.

Royal Scots won their first match for a long period by beating the Club on Sunday by two goals to nil.

Royal Scots and Kowloon, in Second Division, did not play owing to Volunteers' Camp and they will not receive the points as mentioned in the paper on Monday morning.

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Rugby Football

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo there will be two matches in the Large Units Rugby League, between Royal Artillery and the Combined Small Units, and Middlesex Regt. and Royal Scots.

In this League Royal Engineers have a fine lead of four points from their nearest opponents, Royal Artillery.

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY
LARGE UNITS RUGBY LEAGUE
Combined Small Units v Royal Artillery (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.).
Middlesex Regt. v Royal Scots (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.).
LARGE UNITS HOCKEY LEAGUE
Middlesex Regt. v H.K.S.R.A. (Marina ground, Chatham Road, bully off 3.00 p.m.).
SMALL UNITS HOCKEY COMPETITION—SEMI-FINAL
3rd Med. Battery, H.K.S.R.A. v H.K. Signal Coy. (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.).
QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
British Army Team v Hong Kong Hockey Club (King's Park, bully off 4.30 p.m.).

TO-MORROW
KOTEWALL CUP
Army v Navy (Caroline Hill, kick off 4.30 p.m.).
FRIDAY
QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
British Army Team v Indian Army Team (Marina ground, bully off 4.30 p.m.).
SATURDAY
RUGBY FOOTBALL
Army & Club v Navy & Police (Club ground, kick off 3.15 p.m.).
SUNDAY
GOVERNOR'S CUP
H.K.F.A. v Combined Chinese (Causeway Bay, kick off 3.30 p.m.).

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Engineers	5	5	0	0	10
Royal Artillery	4	3	0	1	6
Royal Scots	4	1	1	2	3
Middlesex Regt.	5	1	0	4	2
Combined Small Units	4	0	1	3	1

In the Colony Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament, 8th Hvy. Regt. "A" were badly defeated in the Final by the Club "A" to the tune of 21 points to nil; they did well up to the Final, defeating Tamar "A" by five points to three in the Quarter-Finals, and B. & S. in the Semi-Final by three points to nil after extra time. They lost in the Final by 22 points to nil.

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Boxing

LAST week Middlesex Regiment held their Inter-Company Open Boxing competition, and several of the Battalion boxing belts changed hands.

Pte. Cooper, who won his division in the Battalion this year as a novice, beat L/Cpl. McGrady last year's winner of the middleweight belt; Pte. Fawcett beat Cpl. Fox for the light heavyweight belt; Drum-Major Holdfor retained his belt in the welterweight class; Pte. Noble, who was the battalion featherweight holder this year, won the lightweight belt; Pte. Hills gained the featherweight belt, and Pte. Hope retained his bantamweight belt.

Owing to there being insufficient entries for the Command Individual Opens, this competition will not be held this year, so the next main boxing competition for Army boxers will be held in April at Murray Barracks, when the Inter Unit Opens will take place.

HOCKEY CLUB SELECTIONS

The following will present Hong Kong Hockey Club against the British Army in the Quadrangular Tournament at King's Park at 4.45 p.m. to-day:
V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond, A. E. P. Guest; R. Marques, W. A. Reed, N. V. M. Whitley; D. T. Smith, T. S. D. Whitley, E. Folwer, H. L. Ozorio and J. M. Morgan.

PANCHO VILLA HAD SYSTEM TO WIN RACES

Pancho Villa had the only system for beating the races.

The old Mexican rough rider simply said: "The horse mus' win," as staff members carelessly fondled their holsters, writes an Amercian correspondent.

Villa took possession of the Juarez track, across from El Paso, in 1912. One day the agrarian rebel made a $500 bet. There were two horses with similar names Lady Panchita and Panzareta. The seller gave him tickets on Lady Panchita Panzareta won.

Villa appeared at the cashier's window.

"Pay me," said he.

"But you bet on Lady Panchita, general," replied the mutuel clerk.

"No. No. Pay me, I bet Panzareta," insisted the insurrecto chieftain. His staff members commenced to appear nervous.

They paid Villa. Gladly.

"Mus' Win"

Villa was touted on a good thing.

"I'll bet, yes," the old boy told them. "The horse mus' win." He was no sucker.

Col. Phil Chinn and Pat Knegelgamp laid the general for a large wager . . . then got to thinking about his remark—"The horse mus' win."

So the horse which "mus' win" was scratched. It was one time the bookmakers couldn't win. Villa got no action . . . his money back.

The boys at Caliente recall one fellow being ruled off the turf for touting Villa on a steed which didn't win.

Villa demanded payment. The bookmaker paid. For 10 years that widely known race tracker wasn't restored to good standing because he started something too hot to handle.

Exciting Days

Those were exciting days on the border. It perhaps was the only time a race meeting was called off while armies battled. The Villaistas demonstrated they could shoot cannon straight . . . with track buildings as their targets. The Federals retaliated. There was much sniping. The grandstand steps were stained with blood. It was two weeks before Col. Matt Winn could resume operations.

Meanwhile, Villa had his fling at the races.

And when Pancho Villa bet, "the horse mus' win."

HEATS FOR UNIVERSITY SPORTS MTG.

Further heats in the University Sports to be held on Saturday were run off yesterday at Pokfulum. The results were as follows:

100 Yards:—Heat 1—1, V. Zaitzeff (Lugard), 2, S. H. Leung (Ricci); Time: 10 4-5 secs. Heat 2—1, J. Fenton (Morrison), 2, Lum Pak-huen (Elliot); Time: 10 2-5 secs. Heat 3—1, T. T. Chin (Elliot), 2, Xavier (Ricci); Time: 10 4-5 secs. Heat 4—1, W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard); Time: 10 4-5 secs.

220 Yards:—Heat 1—1, S. H. Leung (Ricci), 2, J. Fenton (Morrison); Time: 25 secs. Heat 2—1, W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard); Time: 25 2-5 secs. Heat 3—1, S. Mahmood (Lugard), 2, V. Zaitzeff (Lugard); Time: 25 2-5 secs. Heat 4—1, K. M. Au Morrison), 2, Wong Kok-see (Elliot); Time: 26 1-10 secs.

Long Jump:—1, E. Mazuza (Lugard), 2, T. T. Chin (Ellit); Length, 19 ft. 4 ins.

Tug of War:—Section "A". Won by Ricci Hall. Section "B". Won by Elliot Hall.

GOLF GOSSIP

Our golfers younger than 60 are satisfied how that when Harry Vardon was burning up British and American courses with breath-taking 77's, in Queen Victoria's reign, the feat was equivalent to beating par to-day, writes a correspondent.

It wasn't only that Vardon, J. H. Taylor and other old-timers played in tweed jackets reaching below the hips and used timber-shafted clubs. The big difference, as shown recently by an Australian match for the soldiers' comforts fund, was that the ball was solid gutta-percha.

Somebody found a few of these links with the past, brushed the dust off them, and gave them to two leading professionals for use in a match against two older pros, who played with modern rubber-cored balls.

Beaten 2 And 1

New South Wales pro champion Bill Bolger (who won the national open in 1936 with 283) and easy-swinging Sam Richardson (1935 N. S. W. pro champion) teed up the hard gutta-percha specimens and were beaten, 2 and 1, by Fred Popplewell (1925 and 1928 open champion) and Victor James.

Swinging hickory-shafted clubs, Bolger nudged the solid ball around Bonnie Doon course in 79, eight over par. Richardson, with steel clubs, took 81. At the 14 holes longer than 360 yards they had to play two full woods. Against the wind, a 540-yard hole took Richardson three woods to reach the green, each a superbly-hit shot.

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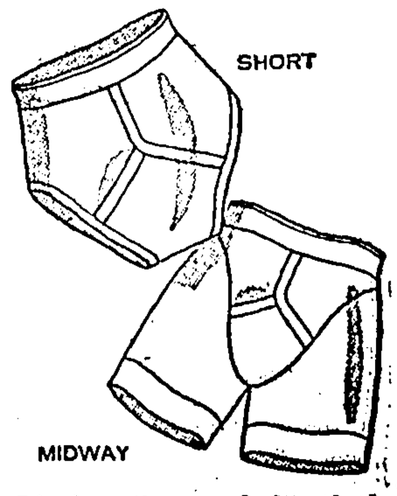

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Yet he is a "stranger" to all. An American Correspondent refers to Byron Nelson, 1939 National Open champion, 1940 P. G. A. titleholder, and recent winner off the Miami $10,000 Open tournament. Nelson, for three years professional at the Reading Country Club, now is located at Inverness Country Club, Toledo, O.

Nelson probably is the most misunderstood professional in the big time circuit. They say he is uppish, they say he lacks colour, they say he makes a bad impression on the gallery.

Not Uppish

The lanky Texan is anything but uppish.

In a small city like Reading, where Nelson really got his start, a sports writer gets to know the golf professionals. He plays a couple of rounds with them very month.

Members of the Reading club saw him develop from a promising young golfer to the National Open champion in that period. When he left Reading, he was the same Byron Nelson who came to the city in 1937, flushed with his first important victory, the Augusta Masters.

There's a good story back of Nelson's rapid rise to fame. Four years ago they used to say the angular youth lacked moxie down.

Stanley Giles, chairman of the greens committee at the Reading club, took Byron aside one day in 1937 in the pro shop.

"I've seen every leading pro in the country play and right now I think you're the best shotmaker in the game," Giles told Byron. "There is no reason why you shouldn't win every tournament in which you participate. You can beat any of these stars."

Believes Self

Giles kept drumming that in Nelson week after week until he had Nelson believing it himself. No longer was he a flash in the pan.

The payoff came in the 1939 National Open at Spring Mill, Philadelphia. It was during the second round of the 72 holes. Nelson had been having trouble with his irons . . . . was closing the blade just a fraction of a second too soon. Work on the practice tee disclosed the fault. Following Nelson Ed Dudley and Henry Picard that afternoon, we spoke with the big boy at the seventh tee.

"I found the trouble; nothing will stop me now; I'm going to win this tournament," Nelson confided. And from that point until the final putt on the last hole in the playoff with Craig Wood, Nelson hit every shot like a champion.

To-day the experts admit Nelson is the greatest competitor in golfdom. It took a long time. Nelson is big news in Reading although he has been away from here a year. You can't tell his friends here he has donned a high hat. He has our vote every time he goes to the post.

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HUGE PRICED PITCHER

Bucky Walters was 13 years old when Catcher Jimmy Wilson of the Phillies became his idol, writes a U.S. correspondent.

Walters got into old Bowl the best way he could to see his favourite perform. Finally he, too, broke into professional baseball in 1929, but wasted five seasons as an ordinary infielder before winding up with the Phillies to have his possibilities as a pitcher realised by his old friend and neighbour.

Wilson, world series luminary of the Cardinals in '28, '30 and '31, could no longer hit it off with his roommate, Frank Frisch, when the one-time Fordham Flash was named manager of the Red Birds.

It was about time he managed a club himself, he figured, and what was more natural than for him to return to Philadelphia.

Shortly thereafter Walters, the kid from down the street, came to the Phillies from the Bees via the waiver route.

Wilson quickly saw that Walters would not hit consistently enough to play third, but was impressed by the way he burned the ball across the diamond.

The Phillies need pitching. Wilson talked the youngster into trying his hand.

"But even in the spring of '35, Bucky was arguing against making the switch," he relates. "But I knew he had the arm and speed and that he was enough all-round ball player to make the change . . . . adjust himself to the box."

Sold For $45,000

Walters made such rapid strides with the wretched Phillies that on June 13, 1938, he was sold to the Reds for $45,000, and, Cincinnati was glad to toss in Virgil Davis and Al Hollingsworth.

And when Wilson had enough in Philadelphia that autumn, he also moved to Cincinnati as a coach.

In Rhineland, with Wilson to advise him, Walters helped the Reds to their first in 20 years with 27 victories and the lowest earned run average in the National League—2.29. He was voted the most valuable player in the loop.

He came back this season as one of the highest salaried athletes in the game, and earned his pay by bagging 22 games.

Y.M.C.A. BILLIARDS

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. in a billiards match against R.A.M.C. Army champions, at 8 p.m. to-night at the Y.M.C.A.—Jones, Jackson, Champelovier, Eager, Sykes, Curtis. Reserves:—Whitmore, Moreland.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v Kowloon
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Navy
(Navy ground, 4.30 p.m.)
Club v Eastern
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Club
(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)
Service Corps v Kowloon
(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)
South China v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Kit Chee v Middlesex
(Club, 3.00 p.m.)
Engineers v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
Navy v Sing Tao
(Navy ground, 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v 20th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 3.00 p.m.)
35th R.A. v 24th R.A.
(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Engineers
(Military, 4.30 p.m.)
R.A.M.C. v 36th R.A.
(Military, 3.00 p.m.)
International v 12th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)
A.S.A. v Shell
(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)

Sunday

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Hong Kong Football Association v Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.
(Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET

The following will represent Civil Service in a First Division League cricket match against Indians on Saturday:—J. E. Richardson (Captain), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. Whitley, A. M. J. Wright.

RANJI TROPHY

Maharashtra won the Ranji Trophy for the second year in succession yesterday when they beat Madras by six wickets, says Reuter from New Delhi.

SCRIBE ASTOUNDED AT ANTICS OF U.S.A. OFFICIALS

By Charley Paddock

(Publisher, The "Pasadena Star-News," One-Time "Fastest Human")

After all the years I have been in amateur sports as a competitor and as an observer, I shouldn't by rights be surprised by anything any of the officials do. But I guess I'll never grow up. The antics of the amateur officials continue to amaze me.

Let us consider that dignified group known as the Pacific Coast Conference. The boys got themselves a high commissioner. To make sure no one would have false illusions as to why they got him and what kind of police duties he was expected to perform, they hired a former G-man. It was all in the interests of amateurism.

To make sure everyone had his worst suspicions realised, the G-man went out and barred some of the most promising young football players in the west from attending U.C.L.A., California and Southern California.

Of course these youngsters were no better and no worse than hundreds of other prep stars being "rushed" by over-eager alumni of these particular institutions of higher learning, as well as all the other members of the Pacific Coast Conference. What has been accomplished by making "examples" of these boys and these particular colleges has not yet been explained. But it was all in the interests of amateurism.

Wrong Move

The Los Angeles Coliseum is the only stadium in that city large enough to stage outstanding athletic events. Professional rodeos, ice carnivals and other play-for-pay shows are often held there. But the conference refused to let the best professional football teams in the world use the Coliseum even for a relief show. Why? Officials said it was not right for the amateurs to use the same field as the professionals even on different days, weeks and months. Yet conference teams play elsewhere throughout the land on fields where professional football teams also cavort.

The real answer, of course, is that U.S.C., U.C.L.A. and the conference teams which annually meet them at the Los Angeles Coliseum are afraid professional football might be popularised in the southland at the expense of college pay if the pro teams had a chance to show their wares before 100,000 rather than less than 20,000. But it was done, I assure you, all in the interests of amateurism.

Finally, that the boys might be looked after in the "right" way, the conference decided that those players who competed in the Rose Bowl might be given $50 for their services, if in the opinion of the college officials they would have lost that much by not having a Christmas vacation job.

Al Masters, graduate manager of Stanford, an A. A. U. official of many years standing, could not accept that one. He knew that this constituted out-and-out professionalism and would be proper grounds to bar any athlete, whether he accepted the money or not, so long as one player on the field did, from open amateur competition either in this country or abroad.

So Stanford, thanks to Masters, is safe, but that does not excuse the action of the Pacific Coast Conference officials. They are still merrily moving along their trail of inconsistencies, always, of course, in the interests of amateurism.

GOLF GOSSIP

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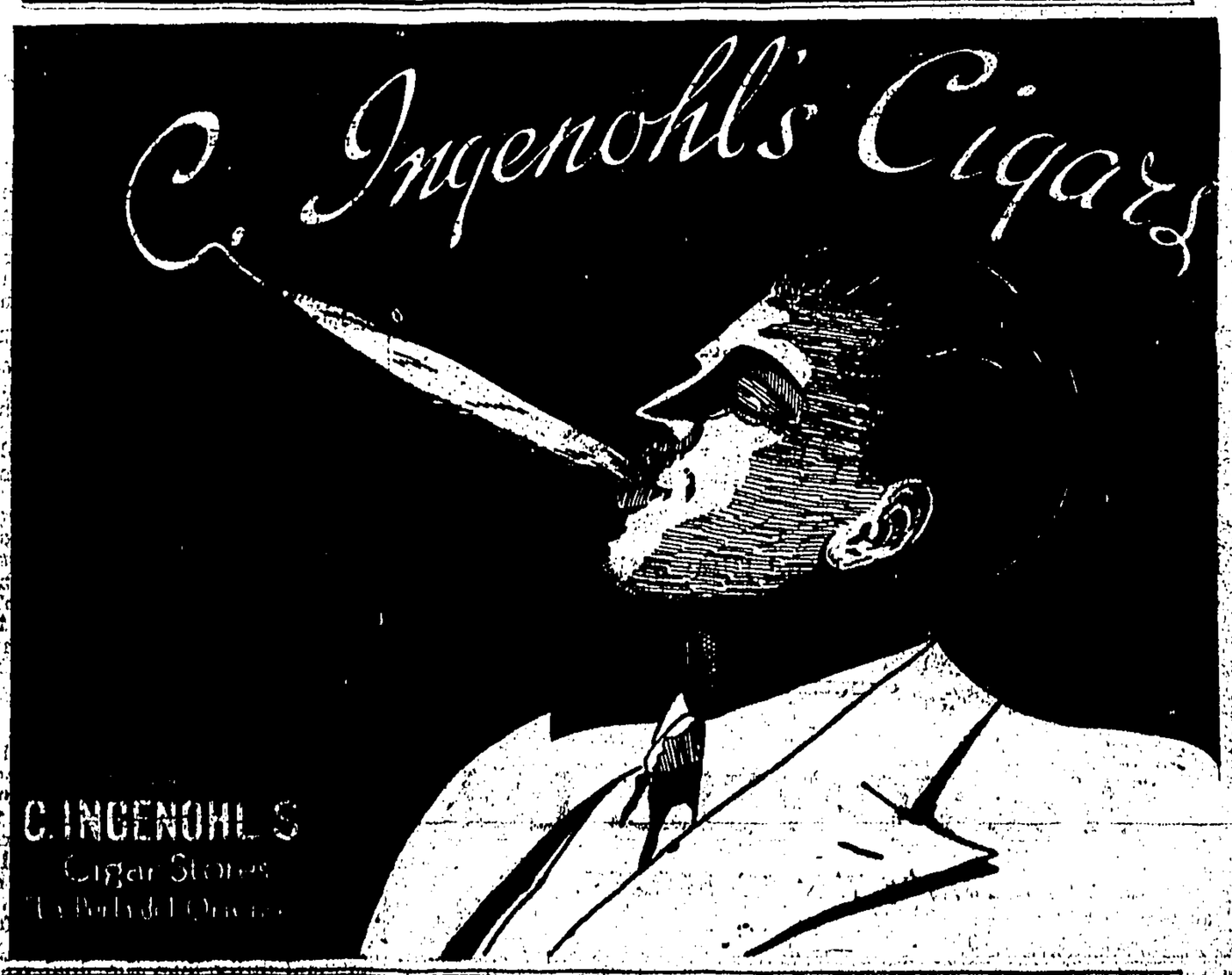
The veterans' rubber-cores outdistanced the gutta-percha balls by 50 to 60 yards down wind, and by 80 to 90 yards against the wind. Bolger found his best drives, usually near 300 yards, reduced to less than 200 yards.

Fairway Of Ice

When records were produced, showing that one D. Rolland had hit a gutty ball 235 yards in 1894 and that Edward Bliss had smacked one 445 yards, Richardson suggested that Bliss must have driven down a fairway of ice.

In flight, the balls' behaviour was irreproachable until they began to lose shape after a dozen holes. Then they wobbled, ducked and dived like snipe, especially against the wind.

Gutta-percha balls have only one thing over the modern type. No matter how gashed and misshapen they get, plastic surgery can restore their good looks. All that has to be done is to soften them in hot water, put them in a mould, and repaint them.—(*Christian Science Monitor*).



OPENING PHASE OF 1941 BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Now Being Waged In And Over The Atlantic

Intensified War Against Shipping

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

THE OPENING PHASES OF THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN IN 1941 ARE BEING FOUGHT FAR OUT FROM SIGHT OF LAND IN AND ABOVE THE TROUBLED WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

It is a relentless, ceaseless and silent warfare, of which little will be heard save the occasional trickle of news of some heroic exploit.

But the progress of the battle will be marked in the periodic figures of British and Allied shipping losses and in the tally of damage inflicted on enemy raiders both at sea and in the air.

With the improvement in the weather as the Spring "campaigning season opens," it is becoming clear that the immediate German strategy in the West is to endeavour to implement the threat made by Hitler in his last speech of intensified naval warfare on an unprecedented scale.

The Germans are determined to do their utmost to cut the ocean lifeline along which food and supplies reach the British Isles and, with the American Lease and Lend Bill on the threshold of becoming law, they will concentrate, too, on the impending flow of vital American war materials to Britain.

New Problem

The German advance last year, with its ensuing occupation of 2,000 miles of European coastline, presented a new problem which the British Navy and Air Force are tackling with greater determination.

WHEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SIGNS THE LEASE AND LEND BILL, WHICH WILL BRING SUPPLIES TO BRITAIN, THE NAVY'S TASK WILL BE FURTHER INCREASED, AS IT MUST THEN FIND FURTHER CONVOYS TO ENSURE THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF THESE NEW SUPPLIES.

The main battle area lies northwestwards from Britain and eastwards from Iceland, and here naval vessels, fitted with the newest devices for detecting submarines, are waging a day and night warfare with the fullest cooperation of the R.A.F.

U-Boat Strength

The number of submarines the Germans will use is reliably estimated at between 100 and 150, but not all could be at sea simultaneously.

No single factor which can help defeat the enemy plans is being neglected.

The best scientific brains are working on improved means of U-boat detection, protection against aircraft and so forth, while the question of providing more convoy vessels is receiving constant unremitting attention. —Reuter.

MINOR SKIRMISHES ON THAI BORDER

Minor skirmishes on the Indo-China border during the week-end are reported in a Thailand High Command communique, which alleges that the French fired on a Thai party in the northern sector, and that a French patrol violating the neutral zone in the south was repulsed.—Reuter.

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DRAMATIC STEPS BY ROOSEVELT PREDICTED

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bases on sites acquired from Britain.

Territorial Transfers

The Senate later unanimously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognise the transfer of any region in the western hemisphere from one non-American power to another.

It provides that if such a transfer appears likely, "the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult the other American Republics to determine upon steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests."

The House of Representatives yesterday unanimously agreed on procedure by which, after a two-hours debate on the Lease and Lend Bill to-day, a further vote will be taken on a proposal to agree to all Senate amendments to the Bill.

Senate Roll Call

Senator Vandenberg (Republican) told reporters yesterday that in two roll calls, 89 out of 96 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain, either for the Lease and Lend Bill or Senator Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of $2,000,000,000.

This, he said, showed "a far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll-call might disclose."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Nazi authoritative quarters announce that any American ships carrying goods under the Lease and Lend Bill will be sunk the moment those ships pass into the blockade area.

The line embraces all waters around the British Isles.

It is further stated that the German blockade will be shortly intensified by increases in the number of submarines, torpedo-boats, and 'planes.—International News Service.

The public session of the Commission which is investigating the complaints against the Immigration Department opened in unexpected fashion this morning.

The Chairman, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, remarked that it had come to his notice that a letter addressed to Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, Secretary to the Commission, dated March 7, and addressed by mistake to the Immigration Office, was received by Mr. Barnett yesterday already opened and superscribed: "No such person in this office."

Sir Atholl expressed the hope that the Immigration Department would investigate the matter and find out why the letter was delayed in transit and who the authorised person was who opened it.

The first witness called was Mr. E. W. Pudney, the Accountant-General, who proceeded to give evidence on the regulations covering the sending of money to the Treasury.

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Albania Offensive Furiously Pressed

THE FOURTH DAY OF THE BIG GREEK OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ITALIAN CENTRE IN ALBANIA CONTINUED YESTERDAY WITH UNABATED FURY.

The Greek troops, states Athens radio, are pushing on with the utmost determination.

Two mountain ranges where the attack was launched have now been almost completely cleared of Italian forces.

The Italians, who have been driven from a network of machine-gun posts cunningly concealed in deep cavities in the rocks, are stated to be suffering very heavy casualties, with whole detachments being wiped out.

One of the principal units defending the approaches to Tepelini, key-town to Valona harbour, endured particularly severe losses.

Nearly all effectives of the 7th Black Shirt battalion were also killed.

A few prisoners were taken, including Major Pelligrini, a member of the Fascist Grand Council.

Another battalion to meet with disaster was commanded by the Italian Education Minister, Bottai, who may have been killed.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MUSSOLINI TO BOTTAI WAS FOUND ON THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY OF A MAJOR, BEGGING BOTTAI TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO STOP THE GREEK ADVANCE — "OTHERWISE," SAID MUSSOLINI, "FASCISM WOULD DIE WITH A STAIN UPON IT."

"Fascist Italy bases her last hope on your defence. Save her." — Reuter.

FIGHTER COMMAND OFFENSIVE

Three offensive sweeps were made by aircraft of the Fighter Command over the Channel and occupied France yesterday afternoon, says an Air Ministry communique.

Considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered and one British fighter is missing.

There was no opposition by enemy aircraft, the communique adds.

There was a brief alert in London last night but no air raid incidents were reported.

Enemy air activity during daylight yesterday was mainly over the Channel and south-eastern England.

Little damage and no casualties were reported, says an Air Ministry communique.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CRUISER TORPEDOED

An Italian cruiser of the Condotteiria class has been torpedoed and also certainly sunk by a British submarine, says an Admiralty communique quoted by Reuter.

YUGOSLAV PACT WITH AXIS

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, is expected to leave Belgrade for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugoslavia and the Axis powers.

SOME REPORTS SAY HE HAS ALREADY LEFT, AND THE PACT MAY BE SIGNED THIS EVENING.

Meanwhile, Yugoslavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

The Bulgarian newspapers daily are becoming more openly revisionist in tone.

General Zhekoff, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students in Sofia yesterday: "We live in stirring times, after which will come realisation of our national ideals."

His statement, and Bulgarian press revisionist claims, were widely published in the Yugoslavian press.—Reuter.

DRAMATIC STEPS BY ROOSEVELT PREDICTED

THERE IS SOME REASON to believe that President Roosevelt will announce the transfer of another batch of destroyers to Britain shortly after signing the Lease and Lend Bill, it was declared in Washington yesterday.

This measure, it is thought, will be one of a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed in Washington that now the Bill has passed, many legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill, on the theory that if the country wants the Bill it should not be half-hearted about it but should really render all aid short of war.

Approval was given by the Senate to the establishment of air bases on sites acquired from Britain when it passed yesterday a $245,229,000 authorisation for naval and public works.

This action has the effect of Congressional ratification of the "destroyers for bases" deal.

The Senate Naval Committee reported that a total of $38,025,000 represented the amount necessary to complete the establishment of

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TRIPOLI HARBOUR BOMBED

Tripoli harbour was again attacked during Saturday night and bombs dropped on Italian aerodromes in Tripolitania, states yesterday's R.A.F. Cairo communique.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodromes of Diredawa, despite attempted interception by Italian fighters.

A DIRECT HIT WAS ALSO OBTAINED ON A TRAIN APPROACHING THE TOWN AND ANOTHER ON THE STATION AT ADDA-GALLA.

In the Keren area, troop positions were bombed and machine-gunned, while other bombers were harassing the Italian column retreating from Burye and bombed a village near Debra Marcos.—Reuter.

U.S. WARNED OF AXIS ALLIANCE

"THE INTEGRAL COMING INTO PLAY OF THE TRIPARTITE PACT" IS PREDICTED IN ROME AS A RESULT OF THE PASSING OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL, WHICH IS DESCRIBED IN THE ITALIAN PRESS AS A "COLOSSAL MYSTIFICATION" AND A "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE HAGUE CONVENTION."

"Giornale d'Italia" remarks it appears less than likely that war material shipped from America will arrive in Europe in view of the intensification of the Axis counter-blockade.—Reuter.

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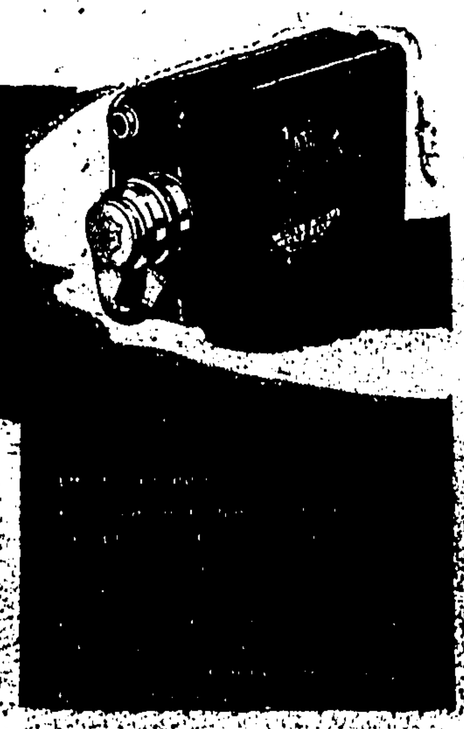

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CRUISER DETAINS FRENCH SHIP

Acrimony Shown In Statement By Havas Agency

Blockade Activity Creates Dispute

THE ALLEGED SEIZURE OF A FRENCH CARGO-SHIP CALLED VILLE DE MAJUNGA BY A BRITISH CRUISER WAS ANNOUNCED IN VICHY YESTERDAY.

This has led the French news agency to declare that the remark about the defence of the French Empire, made in the communique issued after Sunday night's meeting between General Weygand, Admiral Darlan and other Ministers, also applied to communications between metropolitan France and the Empire.

The original communique stated that the defence of the Empire would "be energetically assured by the French forces alone against all aggressors."

IN THIS CONNECTION THE HAVAS AGENCY RECALLED THAT ADMIRAL DARLAN HAS REPEATEDLY DECLARED HE WOULD NOT ALLOW FRENCH SHIPS TO BE SEIZED OR FRENCH PEOPLE DIE OF HUNGER.

If our protest should be in vain, the French news agency further reports Admiral Darlan as saying, "and if Britain continues to hold up and seize our cargo-ships, it would be necessary, in order to put an end to this, to have our ships escorted by warships."

French Protest

The French Government is understood to have protested to the South African Government against the alleged stopping, south of Capetown, by a British cruiser of the French cargo-ship Ville de Majunga.

This was reported by the French news agency last night.

The protest is stated to say that such actions, far from the theatre of operations, are unjustified and can have no effect on the result of the war.

The French ship was on the way from Dakar to Madagascar. She is stated to be the fourteenth ship seized by the British Navy since the beginning of the year, and the 108th since the Armistice. — Reuter.

United States May Intercede

It is regarded in Washington as likely that the United States will intercede in the blockade dispute between Britain and the Vichy Government, which is evidently viewed gravely in Washington.

How far the United States Government is prepared to go in seeking concessions from Britain is a matter for conjecture.

President Roosevelt himself, it is recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to the despatch of milk, clothing and medicines to unoccupied France. — Reuter.

BRITISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON DISPUTE

ADMIRAL DARLAN'S statement in Vichy yesterday that French warships would escort French cargo-ships if the British continued their interference, was commented upon by a spokesman of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare.

He told Reuter's diplomatic correspondent: "Admiral Darlan stated he was still hopeful of an understanding with Britain over this matter.

"We in this country have hoped and continue to hope that France will show understanding for our blockade policy.

"If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government will always be prepared to consider them, but so far no proposals have been put forward.

"It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic cooperation with Germany.

Britain's Job

"Admiral Darlan may be responsible for feeding 40,000,000 people in France. Britain, however, is fighting to free not 40,000,000 people in France, but many times that number of enslaved people of Europe, including those same 40,000,000 Frenchmen.

"The Germans may have released two million quintals of wheat for France but this scarcely reflects any generosity since they are only returning a fraction of the wheat they have looted in France in the last 10 months."—Reuter.

INDIAN ASSEMBLY DEBATE

Great satisfaction at General Auchinleck's appointment as Commander-in-Chief, India, was expressed in the Indian Assembly during the debate on the question of appointment of a defence committee.

The Government spokesman said General Auchinleck was firmly of opinion that the possibilities of his receiving views and advice from representatives of the public, on the one hand, and his giving them information useful to them, on the other, requires regularisation.

General Auchinleck hoped arrangements would be worked out by which this can be given effect.

If members would like to go and see Indian troops on active service, the Defence Secretary would make arrangements.

Referring to a complaint that the country had not been taken into Government's confidence, the Defence Secretary said it was not the case that Indians were distrusted but in matters of defence there was need for circumspection and many matters had necessarily to be a close preserve of the Executive, as in other countries.—Reuter.

CARGO REACHES MARSEILLES

The arrival at Marseilles of the United States steamer Cold Harbour, carrying a cargo of food and other necessities for French children and invalids, was announced yesterday by Admiral William Leahy, U.S. Ambassador in Vichy.

Admiral Leahy added that another steamer—the Exmouth—with a similar cargo, was expected in three weeks.—Reuter.

AFRIDIS WANT TO JOIN ARMY

A gathering of 800 Afridis and other tribes at Peshawar yesterday presented £750 to the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, expressed loyalty to the Government and desired to join the army to fight Hitler.—Reuter.

ALFONSO TO BE BURIED IN ESCORIAL

The body of ex-King Alfonso of Spain was taken yesterday morning across the French frontier into Spain, states a telegram to the official German news agency.

The body will be laid at rest in the royal vault at the Escorial in the next few days.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL ABRIAL IN VICHY

ADMIRAL ABRIAL, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF ALGERIA, ARRIVED IN VICHY YESTERDAY AND WAS IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED BY MARSHAL PETAIN.

The visit follows that of General Weygand, who is expected to return to his post shortly.

Admiral Abrial commanded French warships which assisted in the embarkation at Dunkirk last summer.—Reuter.

CRUISER SUNK IN ESCORT

The Admiralty communique announcing the torpedoing of an Italian cruiser, says the cruiser was escorted by two destroyers.

She was seen to be hit and for two hours afterwards destroyers were seen to be alternately circling round and stopping, evidently picking up survivors.

The Italian Condottieri "A" class cruisers are ships of 5,069 tons, mounting eight 6-inch guns.

The class orginally consisted of four ships. One—the Bartolomeo Colleoni—was sunk by H.M.A.S. Sydney and destroyers on July 19, 1940.—British Wireless.

THREAT TO SINK U.S. SHIPS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Nazi authoritative quarters announce that any American ships carrying goods under the Lease and Lend Bill will be sunk the moment those ships pass into the blockade area.

The line embraces all waters around the British Isles.

It is further stated that the German blockade will be shortly intensified by increases in the number of submarines, torpedo-boats, and 'planes.—International News Service.

CURRIE IN 'FRISCO

MR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S EMISSARY TO CHINA, ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Mr. Currie declined to comment on his trip, saying "I am saving my impressions for the President."

He indicated, however, that most of his time in Chungking was devoted to economic studies.—Reuter.

ESTATE OF DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Further grants of probate in respect of settled lands of a total valu eof £335,000 have been issued in the estate of the ninth Duke of Northumberland.

The Duke, who was 27, was a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards and died on active service last May. He left unsettled property already valued at £1,446,489, making a total of £1,802,089 passing by his death.—British Wireless.

WORK OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE

An official air communique in Nairobi states: "The South African Air Force has cooperated with the Navy frequently during the ceaseless watch on the coast of Italian Somaliland and in bombardments of Modun and a camp near Brava preceding the occupation of Mogadiscio.

Much destruction followed the work of the S.A.A.F. at Modun.

Two CR42's attacked a South African aircraft but one was forced to land by the fire of the rear gunner after being hit repeatedly.

At Brava, spotting by the S.A.A.F. was very accurate and salvos of shells from ships of the Royal Navy could be seen falling among the tents of the Italians, who ran into the bush terrified by the sudden attack from the sea.—British Wireless.

HEINKEL RUNS INTO TROUBLE

An Admiralty communique states: "A Heinkel 111 was hotly engaged and almost certainly destroyed on Saturday by H. M. trawler Nadine.

Visibility was poor and the Heinkel was not actually seen to crash but was last seen on fire and diving out of control towards the sea.

No casualties were sustained by Nadine."—British Wireless.

COUPONS FOR BEER IS THE NEW IDEA

If a suggestion made by Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Hewart is put into effect

Beer will be rationed like petrol;

Englishmen will have to produce coupons, or permit cards — obtained from the Post Office — before they can get their pint.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hewart was presiding at the annual meeting of the Public House Trust in Glasgow.

His suggestion covered not only beer, but all intoxicating liquor.

"The supply should be restricted," he said, "to a fixed maximum quantity a day or a week, or for sale at one time."

AIR ATTACKS ON MALTA

Three enemy formations attacked Malta from different sides yesterday afternoon, according to an official communique.

A formation of bombers came over the island's south coast but did not release any bombs.

Simultaneously, however, several Messerschmidt 110's attacked and machine-gunned an aeroplane base.

This followed two alarms in the morning, when the enemy approached Malta presumably on reconnaissance.

Following the midday raid the enemy approached the coast in the afternoon but was turned away without attacking.

There have now been over 400 raids on Malta. — Reuter.

H.K. REMITTANCE FOR SEAMEN

A sum of £750 has been remitted by the B.W.O.F., Hong Kong Branch, to the Royal Alfred Institution for the relief of distress amongst members of the British Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets and their dependants.

A similar sum has been remitted to the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation. This makes a total of £30,965.2.2 remitted home by the British War Organisation Fund since its inception.

Library, Supreme Court

Chancellor Preparing Biggest Budget In History

Heavier Imports For Taxpayer

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

PASSAGE OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE BRITISH BUDGET, WHICH THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER IS NOW PREPARING, BUT WILL NOT AVERT STILL HEAVIER IMPOSTS FOR THE BRITISH TAXPAYER.

Sir Kingsley Wood will present next month the largest Budget in history but it will not cover expenditure on American war materials which will go into a separate account and be kept secret until the end of the war.

Already the Chancellor and experts are seeking fresh ways of raising revenue.

There may be some increase in direct taxation although this form of taxation has almost reached saturation point.

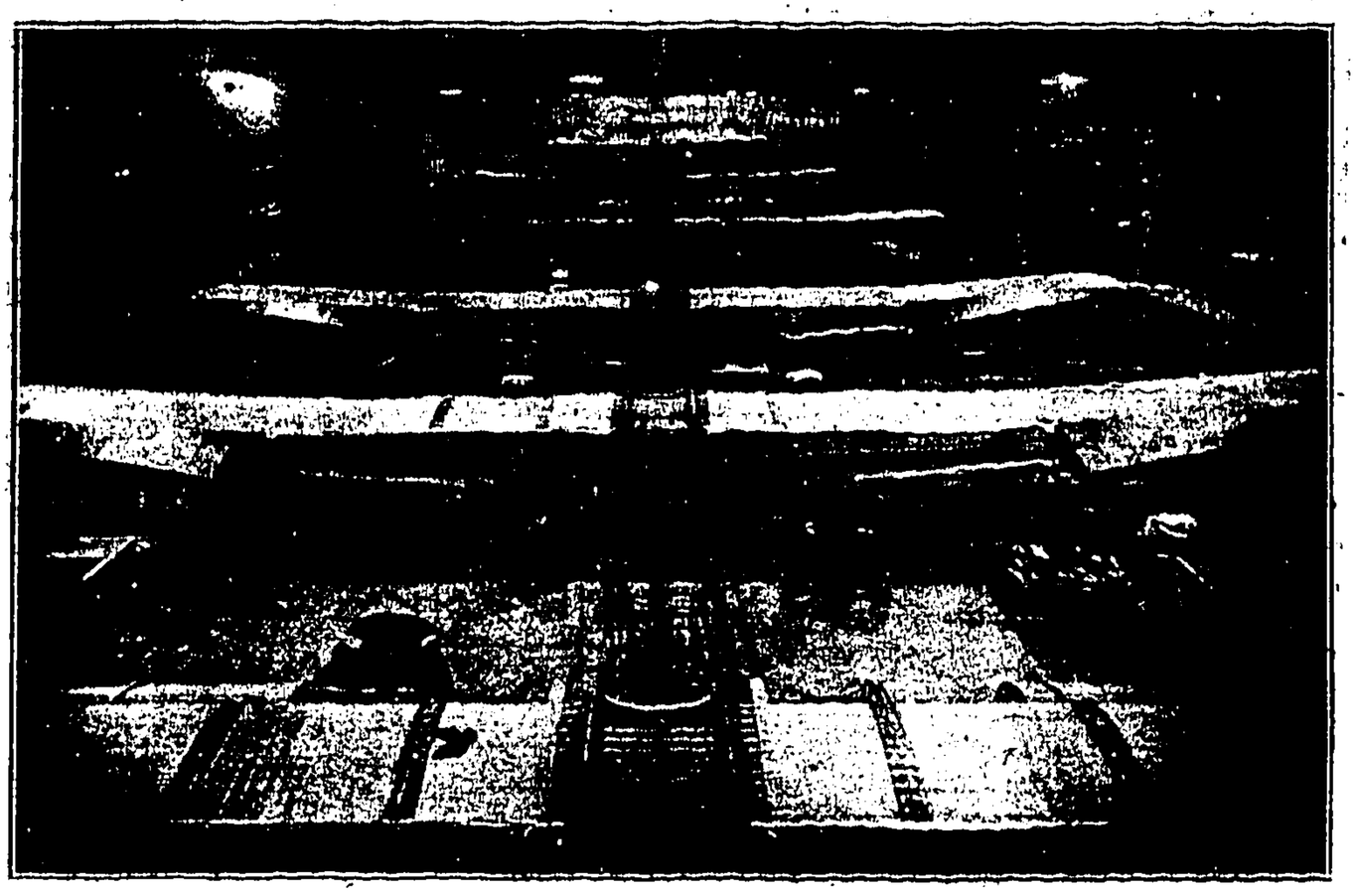
It is believed officials are turning toward expedients like a tax on services, namely an impost on railway fares, meals in restaurants and the like.

The Budget speech will be preluded by a candid statement on the national income designed to give a picture of the nation's real financial strength.

National Income

It was recently estimated that the British national income this year of £8,000,000,000 would expand further next year.

Allied with the question is that of inflation. Government are keeping a watchful eye on that aspect and have emphasised they will not hesitate to impose the necessary checks if any inflationary tendency becomes apparent.—Reuter.



Workers in Britain's factories are working day and night in the production of bombers. Here is a scene at a bomber factory in Northern England. The Spar Shop where wings 90ft. long are made. (Copyright, Fox).

BOMBED, BUT THEY DANCE ON

Revellers at a party in the basement shelter of a big building in London went on dancing—and kept step—when a high-explosive bomb crashed in the street a few yards away.

Londoners had heard sirens, guns and bombs early — after three raid-free nights, the longest lull since the air blitz began.

A basement dancer said: "There was a loud bang, the lights flickered, and there was a tinkle of glass, but the band went on playing and the couples continued dancing.

"The room was filled with dust and the floor shook, but everyone remained calm. No one even got out of step."

When a bus pulled up, the conductor told a girl about to dismount that there was a public shelter a little farther along the road.

"Shelter!" she exclaimed. "I am getting off here to attend a dance." And she picked her way across broken glass on the pavement.

Hospital Escapes

The bomb had severely damaged the front of a public house, but customers, throwing themselves on the floor, had escaped injury.

A hospital in the London area—it had 70 patients—was damaged when two heavy H.E. bombs fell in a field. There were no casualties.

They were the first bombs dropped in the district for a month.

Showers of incendiaries fell in one district.

Two H.E. bombs wrecked several houses in another London district. People were trapped under debris.

Rescue squads worked with 'planes overhead and a heavy barrage, and were able to get most of the people out. Several were injured.

A.F.S. and gas officials put out flames from a gas main in a hour.

Raiders passed over a south-east town going towards London almost continuously. A few bombs, including incendiaries, were dropped on the town.

Earlier in the evening, other machines had been heard, and it is believed that they were R.A.F. bombers leaving the coast to attack.

German reconnaissance 'planes were reported earlier over four towns in the north-east, over the West Midlands, south-west England and a Welsh town.

A high explosive bomb which damaged a mental hospital in a south-east England town struck a communicating corridor. One nurse and three patients were slightly injured.

The R.A.F. bombed the submarine base at Lorient and aerodromes in Brittany.

One enemy fighter was shot down off the French coast. Our 'planes returned safely.

A running fight just above the sea between a Blenheim bomber of Coastal Command and two Messerschmidt 109's ended with one of the German aircraft banking into the sea off the French coast and breaking up, and the other, severely damaged, making for home.

The bomber got home safely.

POLICY OF DISPERSAL THE BEST

Only three per cent. of London's population use public air raid shelters.

This was revealed by the Minister of Health at a conference at Cardiff on problems arising out of air raids.

"I deduce from that," said Mr. Ernest Brown, "that the ordinary man and woman realise that a policy of dispersal is best. They prefer to stand the strain in their own homes."

Mr. Brown paid a tribute to the courage of the people of Britain.

"Hitler's weapon," he said, "will break in his hand. Our people will continue to stand up to attacks magnificently."

Mr. Brown went on to say that the health of the people, judged on normal tests, had stood up to this period with most gratifying strength.

The worst fears of those socially concerned with health have happily not been realised even under conditions very grim indeed.—British Wireless.

CANADA'S ENVOY IN DUBLIN PASSES

Mr. J. H. Kelly, Canadian High Commissioner in Dublin, died yesterday.

He was born at St. Godfrey, Bonaventure county, Quebec Province, in 1879 and was of Irish descent.—British Wireless.

DUKE OF AOSTA FLIES TO ERITREA

The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, flew to Eritrea yesterday, visiting the capital of Asmara and the Red Sea port of Assawa, states Rome radio.

Later he returned to his headquarters. —Reuter.

BRITISH ARMY TALKS TO NAZIS

The first broadcast in German from London by a British soldier to German soldiers was preceded by the playing of the march of the British Grenadiers.

Having thus got the Germans into a receptive mood the British spokesman said:

"We shall give you facts, and not propaganda rubbish, such as that the English Channel at one point is only three miles wide, and that it is easy to cross by pontoon."

Another British soldier told the Germans that Marshal von Blomberg, Hitler's former war chief, was imprisoned in Landsberg fortress. The speaker added:

"Blomberg has been imprisoned because, in his opinion, Germany was not yet ready for war."

NEW YORK BUS STRIKE

NEARLY 1,000,000 WORKERS LIVING IN THE NEW YORK BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND QUEEN'S HAD TO FIND OTHER MEANS OF GETTING TO WORK YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN 3,500 EMPLOYEES OF BUS COMPANIES IN THOSE BOROUGHS STRUCK.

The strikers are asking for a 25 per cent. increase in wages and better working conditions.

THE ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

THE BRITISH ADVANCE INTO ABYSSINIA CONTINUES.

Announcing this, a communique issued in Nairobi yesterday states that British troops have occupied Gabre-Darre, an important road junction 140 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier and operations are proceeding according to plan.—Reuter.

Buses of companies affected in recent years have replaced most of the tram services. — Reuter.

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MEDITERRANEAN AIR MASTERY BATTLE IN OFFING

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE R.A.F. CONTINUES to grow more powerful in the Middle East and the Balkans as the Italian menace dwindles and the German air threat looms larger.

It can be assumed that the R.A.F. is in a position to give a good account of itself should the Luftwaffe extend its field of activity independently or as a curtain for the German army.

The initiative should not even rest with the German air force.

Soon the weather will undergo a marked change for the better in south-east Europe and for the worse in Africa, making more extensive operations possible in the former and very difficult in Africa.

Hitler, stepping into the breach to save Italy from collapse, to safeguard his back door and prepare another platform for an attack against British interests, is estimated to have assembled about 1,000 'planes for operations on both sides of the Mediterranean.

Luftwaffe Bases

From Rumania the Luftwaffe has spread to Bulgaria and is establishing bases near the Greek frontier, and also, significantly enough, near the Black Sea, across which Germany receives oil supplies from Russia.

Its other main bases are in Italy and Sicily. Libya and the Dodecanese both have quotas as yet small of German aircraft.

It is clear, however, that the Germans are fully alive to the danger of the next British air strokes, wherever they may be delivered.

Reminders to the German public to take cover are, for one thing, becoming constant.—Reuter.

OFFICER IS REPRIMANDED

Lieutenant Thomas Lonsdale Hilton, a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve officer, was ordered by a naval disciplinary inquiry at Great Yarmouth to be severely reprimanded.

He was accused of expressing defeatist views liable to cause alarm and despondency among the public.

The Court found the charges proved.

Temporary Skipper Robert Herbert Soanes said that on December 9 Hilton got into conversation with him on a bus. He said that Hitler was a clever man to invade the Low Countries in twelve weeks, and to get his troops into Norway across 120 miles of water, and asked where was the British Navy that it had not stopped them?

"Rotten"

Hilton said, Skipper Soanes continued, that democratic government was rotten, and that if we did not watch out we should be blockaded.

He added that the working-class people would stop the war.

England was not free only in speech.

The prosecutor submitted that there could be no doubt that Hilton's remarks, made in a public vehicle and overheard by a subordinate officer and a rating, could not but be regarded as of a defeatist character, and therefore prejudicial to good order and naval discipline.

NORWEGIANS SHOOT DOWN BOMBER

WHEN A NORWEGIAN MERCHANT SHIP WAS ATTACKED WITH MACHINE-GUNS AND BOMBS BY A TWIN-ENGINED GERMAN AIRCRAFT, A PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE REPLY WAS MADE FROM DEFENSIVE ARMAMENT.

The aircraft flew on about 200 yards and then dived steeply, exploding and bursting into flames as it hit the water.

When the ship reached the spot where the aircraft had crashed there was nothing to be seen but a patch of oil on the water.

The ship suffered no damage and the only casualty was one slightly wounded by a machine-gun bullet.—British Wireless.

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Canada's War Budget

Canada's actual war expenditure is now at the rate of about a thousand million dollars a year (about £230,000,000).

Together with other expenses, including repatriation operations on Canadian securities held in Britain, total expenditure amounts to about 1,700,000,000 dollars a year.

Of this sum rather less than half will be forthcoming from the Dominion Government's revenues and the remainder raised on loan, states the Dominions Office.

Diversion of Canada's peacetime industry to war production, meanwhile, proceeds apace.

Altogether 200,000 additional men and women will be required during the 1941 for Canada's war industries.

Contracts awarded by the Department of Munitions and Supply in a single week recently numbered 1,776 and had a total value of over 8,000,000 dollars.—British Wireless.

SABOTAGE PLOT PROPHECY

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Chairman of the House Committee on un-American Activities, Mr. Martin Dies, declared yesterday that agents of the Rome/Berlin Axis and Soviet Russia will stage a plot to paralyze help from the United States to Britain as soon as the Lease and Lend Bill becomes law.

Mr. Dies stated that he had information and possessed evidence which justified this prediction.—International News Service.

A gift of £2,000 from the East London Municipality, South Africa, acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production, raised the city's gifts total to £13,000.—British Wireless.

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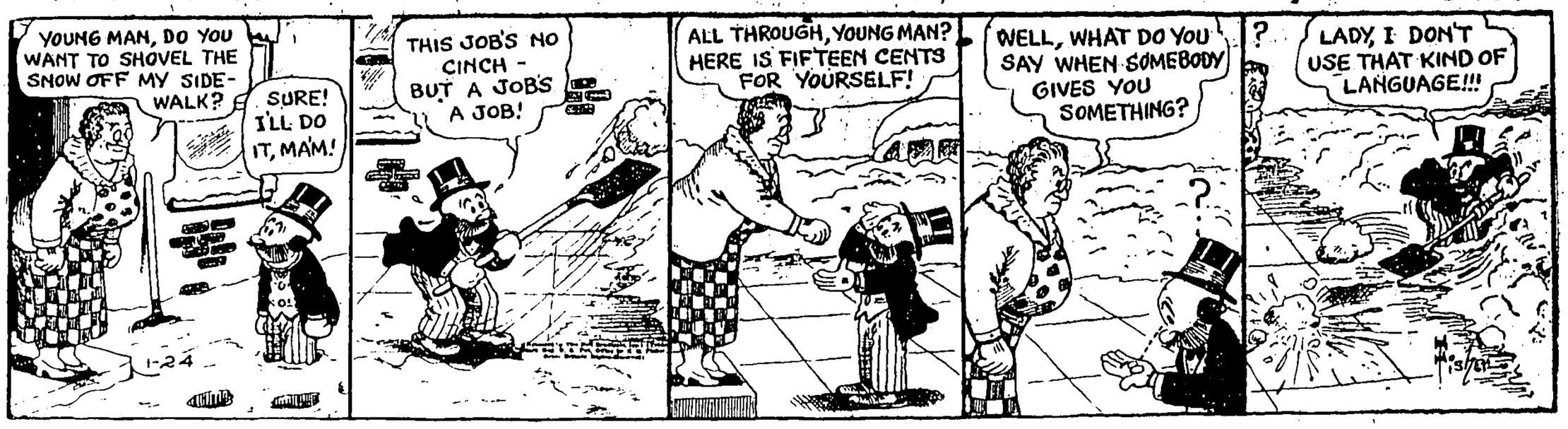

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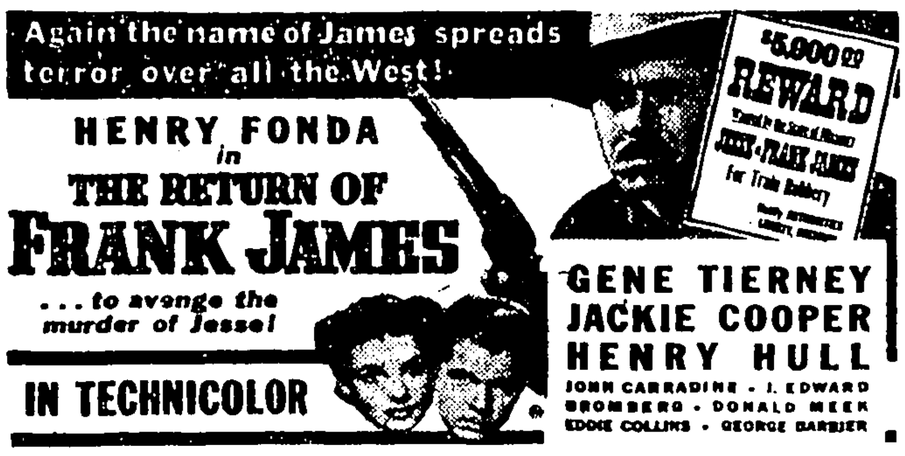

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SAYS GIRL, 19, SWAM FOR LIFE

After a "life and death struggle" to ward off a soldier, a girl of nineteen dived into a canal and swam to the other side.

This story was told at Liverpool when Samuel Morgan, twenty-eight, an Irish Guardsman, was accused of assaulting Miss Anne McVittie, nineteen, and robbing her of a bicycle and other articles.

Mr. J. R. Bishop, prosecuting, said that Miss McVittie, a shorthand typist, was cycling along the towing path of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal on the night of October 4 when she saw Morgan.

Committed For Trial

"What took place," said Mr. Bishop, "appears to have been a life and death struggle to ward off the prisoner."

Mr. Bishop said that in order to escape, the girl suggested Morgan should hold her mackintorh. She then dived into the canal and swam to the other side. Morgan mounted the cycle and rode away.

Morgan told the London police he knew nothing about it and when charged at Liverpool said: "I have nothing to say, only I was not there."

Morgan pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was committed for trial at the next Liverpool Assizes and was granted legal aid.

R.E. LASSOO ACT IN THE CITY

Soldiers of the Royal Engineers, hauling on ropes, pulled down tottering buildings in the City of London's fire raid area.

One of them daringly climbed a swaying ladder to throw a rope around a crazy five-storey building in Newgate Street.

Then a squad of Engineers pulled on the rope in a great tug-of-war. As crowds watched the whole facade of the building swayed and quivered.

An N.C.O. stood almost in the shadow of the crumbling walls and directed his team.

At last the soldiers succeeded. The whole structure bulged forward, and with a tremendous roar an avalanche of masonry crashed to the roadway, sending up a huge column of dust.

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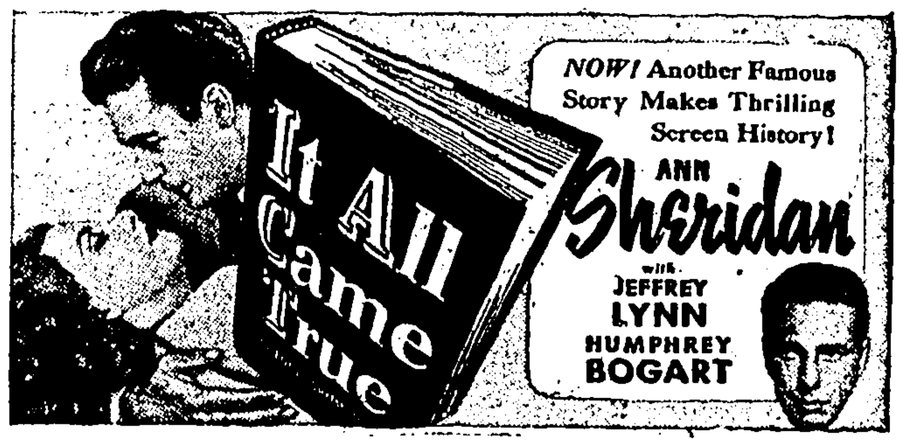

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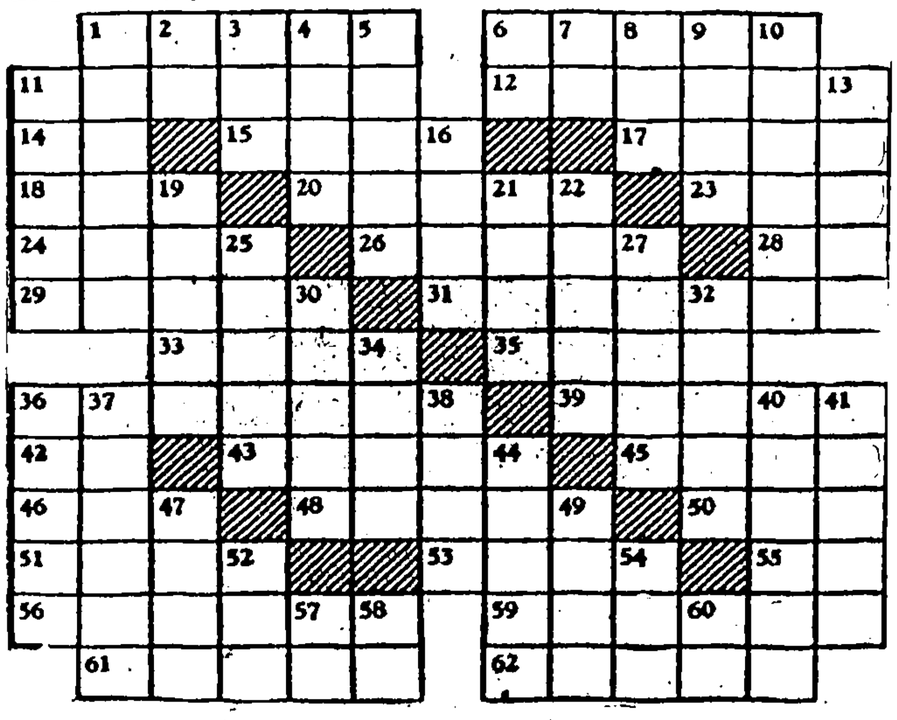

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CRITICAL DAYS AHEAD, CANADA TOLD

DESCRIBING THE "rapid crystallisation of opinion in the United States in favour of actively assisting the democratic countries in their struggle against aggression" as the most important event of these past months, Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King warned the Canadian Parliament and the Canadian people that "a very critical stage in the war must yet be passed before the full aid of the United States becomes available."

"There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "that within a few weeks or months the enemy will make a tremendous effort to destroy the British Commonwealth by a series of smashing blows of unprecedented severity. Where the storm will break we cannot say. It may come in the Near East or in the Western Mediterranean or in the Far East or over Britain itself.

"It may come in more than one place and perhaps in all these places at once. Among diplomats and military authorities, there is a growing belief in the possibility of a world-wide conflagration involving an attempted German invasion of Britain timed with thrusts at Suez and Gibraltar and a Japanese thrust at Singapore. The destruction of British power is the bond that cements the Axis powers. Only by the defeat of Britain can the combined totalitarian powers gain their world sway, and it is well that this fact should be squarely faced."

Sees Endurance Test Ahead

In presenting the situation in this way to Parliament at its opening session, the Prime Minister said he did not want in any way to minimise the successes that had been gained in Africa and Albania. He wished, however, to warn the people of this Dominion that it would be necessary to steel their hearts and minds for a struggle which could not be long delayed.

Nazi Germany, now holding all but a fragment of the Continent of Europe with the whole western coast from the Arctic to the Bay of Biscay in her control, was enormously stronger than the Germany of the last war, he said.

Britain's vulnerability from the air was much greater than that of the enemy, and while everything that could have been done had been done to resist direct attack, this year must be one of endurance and waiting and building, he declared.

The spectacular victories in Africa, "where the Italian Empire is vanishing before our eyes," he said, "is good proof of the effort the Empire has made and of the worth of its leaders and its men. But it must not for be forgotten," Mr. Mackenzie King added, "that these victories have been won against the minor and not the major Axis partner. Italian power is one thing; the might of Nazi Germany is quite another."

To Concentrate On Types

Outlining what Canada was contributing to the common cause, the Prime Minister said Canadian armament production during the year would be concentrated on types of war equipment and weapons that are not available in the United States, such as Mark-3 tanks, small arms, Bren guns, aircraft, machine guns and anti-tank guns. The production of a wide range of naval guns and 25-pounder field guns would also be enlarged as Canada was the only source of supply for these guns outside of Britain, as she was for transport vehicles.

By March 31, 1942, the Canadian Navy, whose strength was now 175 ships and 15,000 men, would be 413 ships and 27,000 men. The plan for the army includes the dispatch overseas of reserves for the existing Canadian corps in England, an army tank brigade, a third Canadian division with its complement of corps troops and a Canadian armoured division.

Mr. Mackenzie King insisted that Canada's whole war enterprise had been planned and was being carried out in the closest cooperation with Great Britain. He set aside, however, the suggestion that an Imperial War Cabinet should be formed.

Emphasises U.S. Link

"A moment may come," he said, "when it will be both desirable and necessary for a conference of the heads of the British Commonwealth Governments to be held in London or in some other part of the British Empire." But for the present, communications were so easy and contacts so direct that no new development of the present system was essential to the better conduct of the war.

Discussing the outlook in general terms, the Prime Minister also made this statement:

"The possibility of immediate personal contact between the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States in critical situations affecting the relations between the United States and the British Commonwealth may easily be more important to the common cause than any services that a Prime Minister of Canada could render at the council table in London."

Turning to the situation in the Pacific, Mr. Mackenzie King said that "the utterances of some Japanese statesmen have been far from conciliatory."

He indicated that "within a few days" he would be in a position to make an announcement regarding the situation of Loring Christie, the Canadian Minister in Washington, whose work he praised but "whose condition of health will necessitate provision for immediate or additional representation at Washington."

19-YEAR-OLD HERO KILLED

Pilot-Officer David C. Leary, nineteen-year-old D.F.C. was killed in action last month, it was announced.

Pilot-Officer Leary was awarded the D.F.C. in November. His squadron was protecting two destroyers from enemy dive-bombers, escorted by a large number of fighters. The pilot-officer destroyed at least five of the 'planes.

TAKES A RAT OUT TO DINE

"Love me, love my rat," is the motto of Miss Laurian Jones, attractive eighteen-year-old daughter of Sir Roderick Jones, former Chairman of Reuter's.

For everywhere that Laurian goes her pet rat Kuppi goes, too. She carries him about in her pocket and takes him to dine at the best places.

At the Savoy Hotel the other night though, she was asked to take him out of the restaurant. Neighbouring diners objected to eating with a rat.

"Some people don't like him," she told me at her father's country home in Rottingdean, Sussex.

Plays Tricks

"I can't understand it, because he's really quite a harmless little fellow. He's pretty, too, and plays tricks like sitting up or brushing his whiskers.

He's only six months old, and I bought him in a shop for 2s."

Kuppi is piebald — black and white — with long whiskers and a longer tail. He scampers up and down Miss Jones's arm round her neck and scuttles away to her pocket.

At night he sleeps in a little box.

"I feel him on scraps," she told me, "but he'll eat anything.

"My mother used to keep pet rats when she was a girl, and I have never been frightened of them. If you got to know him you'd become very fond of him I'm sure."

His One Misdeed

Miss Jones knows quite a lot about rats.

"I bought a male," she said, "because females are savage. I'm afraid though, that Kuppi has bitten one of my brothers, otherwise he has behaved quite well."

At the age of thirteen Miss Jones illustrated her mother's book entitled, "National Velvet." Lady Jones writes under her maiden name of Enid Bagnold, and her daughter is an artist.

I asked Sir Roderick what he thought of his daughter's strange pet.

"Oh I don't mind it at all," he said.

RIBBENTROP'S FATHER DEAD

Lieutenant A. D. von Ribbentrop, father of Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, has died in Berlin, aged eighty-two.—Reuter.

Bing Crosby, Gloria Jean and El Brendel in Universal's "If I had My Way" at the King's Theatre.

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OFFENSIVE ON ALL FRONTS

The threat that the expected Spring offensive may be an offensive on all fronts begins to take the shape of reality. The possibility that all the aggressors might strike at once and together, not in concert but in collusion, each out to rake in his own plunder in a general orgy of plunder, has long loomed as the logical finale to the desperate gamble for world dominion in which they are now so deeply involved. The dictators have gone too far to retreat. They mistrust one another too much to act separately. The failure of the Italian attack in the Mediterranean, designed to be a key move in the grand manoeuvre, is a grim reminder that they rise and fall together, and a spur to the developments now taking place as they race to beat the assembly line in the American arsenal.

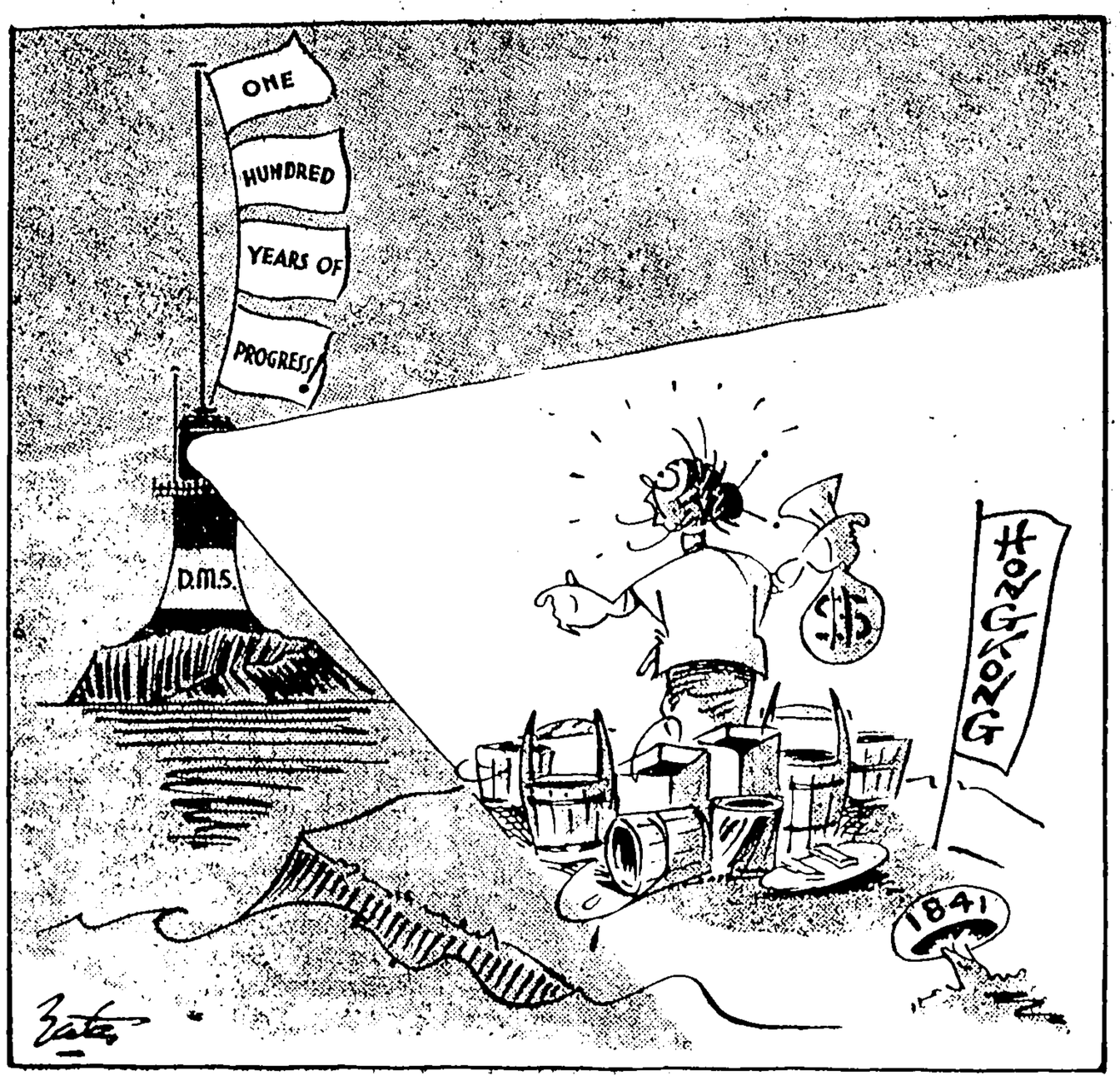
Having "arbitrated" to her own advantage the dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China, Japan is apparently casting her shadow on Singapore.

Suggestion is that the same military oligarchy that drove the Japanese into the quagmire of China is attempting to retrieve that costly failure by conquests in East Asia before the British fleet is able to divert part of its strength from the Mediterranean. Also, no doubt, it gambles on American commitments of aid to Britain to insure quiescence in the Pacific. But this has been from the beginning a war of miscalculations.

The crisis in the Orient is intended to synchronise with the mounting tension in Europe. Yugoslavia is expected to end resistance to joining the Axis. The fate of Bulgaria is sealed. Apparently deserted by Russia another "reluctant" little neutral is to be either passageway for Hitler's war or itself a battleground.

Either a many-pronged attack is planned in the Balkans, the Mediterranean and the China Sea, accompanied by an intense campaign to cut off American supplies to Britain, or the world is being misled by more false alarms. Such alarms may be the climax to the strategy of terror, but the very necessities of the dictators make it unlikely.

IN THE LIMELIGHT



THE MERRY WIDOW

We need modern Machine

By Major Hamish Wilson

The spirit in which the common people of Britain have withstood the strain and danger of ruthless aerial attack has aroused the admiration of the world. Such civilian courage merits, in return, the highest possible efficency in the armed forces.

Much is now said of the "cultivation of the offensive spirit." But is the Army really preparing for the Spring in an enlightened manner?

Britain undoubtedly has the raw materials and the scientists and skilled workmen.

Britain produced the one outstanding invention among the weapons of land-warfare in 1914-1918 — the tank.

Britain first organised a mechanised force and began to experiment with its use in the field.

Britain realised first the effectiveness of supporting such mechanised units by low-flying aircraft.

Yet it was left to the German mechanised divisions, with their attendant dive-bombers, to win the Battle of France. The British technical initiative in such matters was shelved by old-fashioned minds in high military quarters. We, together with our French Allies, have paid a heavy price for such folly.

To prepare an army for a successful war in an Age of Petrol requires the use of ideas and technical skill of men who have grown up in such an Age.

The "Boer War" mentality of many senior officers handicapped us in the early years of the last war. We have already been adversely affected in this war by the "1914-1918" outlook of many senior officers in the War Office and in the regimental commands. The control of the vigorous, imaginative ideas of the younger men by the outworn, set ideas of men who are senior by virtue of length of service must be broken.

It is wanton waste to await the test of action before the adjustment of true merit is attempted. A man accustomed to plan in terms of infantry moving at three miles per hour will find the speed of modern mechanised warfare a serious problem.

The solution is bound to be found more easily by men brought up as youth in the modern age, with their more mechanical turn of mind.

A New Partner

A key problem, then, of how best to train our army for an offensive later on is the administrative one of how to give command and fuller scope to men with modern minds.

A vital step in this direction would seem to be the reorganisation of the armoured units into a separate Army of our forces. In such an Armoured Corps it is essential that senior posts should be held only by men with mechanical knowledge, training and experience.

That the specialist nature of the Royal Armoured Corps is at long last being recognised in high places is shown by the recent appointment of Major-General G. Le Q. Martel to its command. Not only is General Martel the gifted inventor of the one-man tank; he is also a man of outstanding strategic ability.

It seems certain that such a man will soon gather around him a really efficient band of senior technical officers. These men should, by their enlightened attitude to modern warfare, at last be able to make a bold bid towards a still higher status for the Royal Armoured Corps.

Moreover, it would be well to simplify the whole organisation of the Corps, and not to continue to cling to the old cavalry groupings. This young formation would rank as the equal of any older-established groups; its senior officers would hold an equivalent ranking and its *independence* would be guaranteed.

The war will be won not by heroism, but by machines intelligently directed; not by masses of infantry, but by the breaking-up of such masses by mechanised units with aerial support.

We Need More Tanks

The number of Armoured Divisions, and the composition of each such division, will be a matter for careful, unprejudiced decision by the High Command.

It is certain that we had too few tanks in comparison with the enemy in France. It is also certain that, to be really effective, our policy must be bold.

At the outset of the war our mobile divisions were too light in fire-power; there was an undue preponderance of light reconnaissance tanks. A much stronger Division would be one consisting of about 100 heavy tanks, 150 medium tanks, and 100 light tanks, together with 10 smoke tanks for purposes of camouflage.

Such a division would comprise 350 armoured units. Its manpower would total about 3,500. Its hitting-power would be tremendous. In support of this armoured force, and attached to it, there must be an Artillery group consisting of one Brigade of 25-pounders, one light howitzer Brigade, and two A.A. batteries.

At least ten such divisions should be created as soon as possible.

The training of such armoured units must, of necessity, be highly complex. The morale of each unit will depend to a more marked degree than ever before upon the real efficiency (as distinct from leadership) of its officers. New ideas must be continually studied, practised and criticised both in attack and defence.

The creation of altogether new ranks for the personnel—to encourage the initiative of crews and to prevent any feeling of being too much merely part of a machine—might be considered.

Better Cooperation

There is yet another problem that should at once be tackled: the vast problem of liaison.

To maintain close cooperation between units in either attack or defence was — even in 1914-1918 —a complicated problem.

To do so to-day is certainly no less difficult. The enemy in France completely upset the British and French liaison system. Units became detached and scarcely knew where they were or where the enemy were either. This must on no account be allowed to happen again.

In the fast-moving warfare of to-day, a matter of essential importance is the proper use of wireless telegraphy. The enemy has shown himself far ahead of us in his grasp of the possibilities of radio in war. This has not been merely in the subtle tricks of propaganda, but also in this very matter of liaison between air, infantry and tank units.

There is no need slavishly to follow his example, but there is great need for improving upon our own employment of so potent a weapon.

Here again is yet another opportunity for the specialist technician. The most careful training of such men ought to be undertaken at once.

It must not, however, be thought that the increased importance of technicians renders infantry no longer necessary.

They must also be trained in the use of all the most effective modern weapons, such as Bren guns, Thompson guns, mortars, grenades, in anti-tank tactics, and so forth, but their function will no longer be the same as before. Frontal assaults will, we hope, be fewer—or the slaughter will be ruinous.

The armoured units, with their attendant air arm will seek out the weak spot of the enemy. When the breach is made, the motorised infantry will be rushed to it in trucks, and their business will be to take possession of the captured ground and to set up a consolidated defence of its flanks. They will also have to reduce, by manoeuvre and the use of their modern weapons, any remnants of resistance there may be.

They will keep open the tunnel through which the tanks will infiltrate and destroy the enemy.

For such duties, weapon training is very necessary. It is, moreover, of great importance that as many officers and non-commissioned officers as possible should be entirely proficient in the intricacies of map-reading. If it is easy to lose one's way with a marching column, it is far easier with one moving at ten times the speed.

Trade Union Role

Training in all such matters calls for highly intelligent perception and leadership. Our conscript army has within its ranks men with high technical experience in civilian life. These men must be so placed in their units that, though they learn thoroughly the fundamentals of general soldiering, their skill as technicians is not wasted.

There is always present the danger that they may get caught up into the ordinary routine of army life and their skill be lost.

Though their qualifications are noted on forms when they "register," forms have a habit of getting lost. Some machinery should be evolved whereby pressure could be put upon army commanders by a committee from the Trade Unions, if the skill of their members was being carelessly wasted.

It is even possible that if the Army is as yet not sufficiently supplied with the most modern equipment, many such men might still be of greater value to the war-effort in civilian life. The Army already has too many "square pegs in round holes," due in many cases to the slavish following of the "taxi-cab" system of promotion by length of service.

At the present moment, careful training, particularly that for the Armoured Corps, is of far greater importance than any long-term attempt to raise the general intellectual standards of the troops.

The standard of efficiency of all officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, must be continually tested by examination. In addition, examining staffs should themselves also be, from time to time, changed—to prevent them becoming stereotyped in outlook.

United Strategy

All such training involves almost limitless detail. Not only must mechanised experts, airmen and infantrymen, each know the exact part to be played by the others; they must also have as full a knowledge as possible of the others' difficulties.

In high places, the three major sections of the land forces—the Infantry, the Army Air Command, and the Armoured Corps—must each have an equal right to express an opinion upon strategy.

The role of tanks must be properly assessed. They are not a mere adjunct to the infantry—so many tanks to so many infantry units. They are the picked fighting force of the future.

They must be used in massed groups of their own, free from the demands of the infantry; small groupings of them will generally lead to severe losses. Whether they are held in reserve as an overwhelming fire-unit in a decisive counter-attack, or whether they are carefully prepared for offensive (as distinct from counter-offensive) action must be decided upon by the High Command strategists.

The opinion of tank experts must, however, be listened to without prejudice. Just as tank tactics are being improved, so is it reasonable to assume that anti-tank methods are also developing fast.

A bold and imaginative conception of the whole problem is an essential of land victory. It is the co-ordination of all such matters by the High Command that must knit the modern army into an intelligent, democratic whole.

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FROSTBITE IS THE ONLY FEAR OF GREEKS

(From DAVID WALKER)

IN THESE STARK Albanian mountains where the Greek burial patrols find Italian dead by following the tracks of wolves through the snow, frostbite is a more dangerous enemy than the three Italian divisions defending the central route.

From this mountain top, where the temperature is now 22 below, I watched men leave barefooted for a long and terribly painful journey on mules towards hospitals. In some places they were carried by comrades as the tracks were too icy even for mules.

The tragedy of frostbite is that if treatment is not immediate, when feet turn black and swell, amputation is necessary. Yet communication in these precipitous advance posts with hospitals is very hazardous.

Unfortunately, England did not send sufficient boots and equipment to Greece. Many a young heroic Greek soldier, therefore, is to-day suffering amputation.

England should have foreseen the perils of a winter campaign in these mountains.

Doctor's Appeal

Fifty thousand pairs of English boots were sent, but they were insufficient to cope with the sufferings of these little men who sing even in their agony.

The head doctor at an important hospital told me:

"Three-quarters of my cases at present are frostbite, not enemy wounds. Owing to our lack of lorries, men sometimes do not arrive in time for early treatment, and I am thus forced to amputate.

"Men implore me not to amputate as they want to return quickly and fight the enemy, but I have no option.

"Please do everything in your power to let England know the truth. Send us urgently boots, lorries and equipment."

Every officer, nurse and doctor in the front line made similar requests.

Italians Suffering

I have seen the manner in which boots which have thawed by camp fires in evening freeze solid on men's feet before morning.

The Italians are suffering in the same manner, but in this sector most of them are Alpine troops, accustomed to appalling conditions.

To-day the mountain mist lifted and the Greek artillery immediately went into action, pounding Italian positions west-north-west of Pogradetz.

In some sectors of these mountains, the paths are so iced that mules suffer in dragging up heavy artillery.

Everywhere I was offered Greek cognac, hot soup and cigarettes by men whose rations naturally were minimum.

As the ravens gathered again in search of carrion, enemy 'planes were active bombing at random from an immense height.

I am the only British correspondent on this front. I am treated like a king by these Greek troops who have the typical Cockney outlook, laughing at danger and hardship.

2,000 Churches Bombed

Virtually 2,000 churches in London and the provinces have been destroyed or damaged by German bombers on the quest for "military" objectives.

Actual number, as given by the Vatican radio, is 1,986, and comprises:

Destroyed in London — 14 Roman Catholic, 120 Anglican, 125 Free Church.

Damage in London — 13 Roman Catholic, 150 Anglican, 350 Free Church.

Destroyed or heavily damaged in the provinces — 20 Roman Catholic, 100 Anglican, 150 Free Church.

Churches more lightly damaged — 30 Roman Catholic, 300 Anglican, 514 Free Church.

In addition, 45 Roman Catholic monasteries and convents were destroyed. — British Wireless.

SAVINGS CAMPAIGN IN NIGERIA

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE SALE OF SAVINGS CERTIFICATES, SIMILAR TO THAT ORGANISED BY THE NATIONAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE IN BRITAIN, IS BEING LAUNCHED IN NIGERIA.

Like savings certificates in the home country, Nigerian savings certificates cost 15/- and bear interest and will then be redeemed on similar terms.

Request for these facilities, coming from Lagos, capital of Nigeria, on behalf of the population, is another tribute to British Administration and the determination of local inhabitants to do all they can to combat the threat of Nazi domination. — British Wireless.

WIDE RESPONSE TO BEVIN CALL

THE LONDON EVENING NEWSPAPERS REPORT A WIDE RESPONSE TO THE CALL FROM MR. BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR, FOR WOMEN TO MAKE MUNITIONS.

Women of all ages have applied at employment exchanges or by letter or telephone. Some were married with families. Some had jobs they were willing to give up for war work.

Biggest response appears to have been in districts outside London. This occasions no surprise since London women have come forward so well in reply to former appeals.—British Wireless.

NAZIS BUY PETAIN PHOTO

Lyons radio, quoting the "Paris Soir," states that many thousands of photographs of Marshal Petain were sold in Paris and that many were bought by German officers and soldiers.

"ITALY RESTIVE" REPORT

Anti-Fascist underground organisations in Italy are busy distributing leaflets calling on the population "to be ready for the time when it comes," according to a broadcast in Bulgarian on the Ankara radio.

News from Italy, said the radio, indicated real and growing unrest among the Italian population.

R.A.F. BACKS GREEKS

Notable successes achieved by British fighters and bombers are officially announced from R.A.F. H.Q. in Greece.

"On the night of March 8/9," states the communique, "R.A.F. bombers heavily attacked the harbour and installations at Durazzo. Several great fires broke out growing in intensity, and there were many explosions. The fires could be seen 70 miles away.

Yesterday the village of Dukal was successfully bombed. Motor transport concentrations and gun positions in the Glava-Buzi area were also attacked.

A small formation of our fighters on patrol encountered a large force of enemy bombers accompanied by fighters.

Six fighters and one heavy bomber were definitely shot down and a number of others seriously damaged.

One of our pilots had to abandon his aircraft and escaped by parachute, landing safely in our lines. All the other aircraft returned safely."—British Wireless.

RIGHT TO SLAP WIFE

Old Common Law right of a husband to "correct" his wife by slapping her was successfully pleaded recently.

Magistrates dismissed a wife's assault summons against her husband, who denied punching, but admitted slapping her.

She was ordered to pay the costs.

The wife was Mrs. Doris May Jay, of Brook Cottage, Thorington.

The husband was Mr. Charles Edward Jay, of Colchester Road, Thorington.

Mrs. Jay told the Thorpe-le-Soken (Essex) magistrates that they were married five years ago. They had two children.

"An Acquaintance"

For a year things went smoothly, but afterwards they were not happy.

On December 13, Mrs. Jay said, she was talking to a soldier when her husband came up and punched her on the head and in the stomach.

Cross-examined by Mr. G. G. Hinen (for her husband), Mrs. Jay declared that the soldier was "only an acquaintance," and denied that she had associated with other soldiers.

Mr. Hinen said to the Bench that under an old Common Law a husband had certain rights of correction over his wife.

Although this was a matter on which there was some doubt to-day, it was well established in former times.

Mr. Jay admitted slapping his wife because she was talking to the soldier.

The costs were 4s.

PROTEST BY M.P. AGAINST INTRIGUE

PROTEST AGAINST "intrigues" affecting relations between the Navy and the R.A.F., and reference to a Cabinet Minister were made by an M.P. in the House of Commons.

Mr. Churchill had made a statement on substantial increases in the R.A.F. Coastal Command to help protect shipping when Mr. A. Hopkinson (Nat. Mossley) asked:

"In view of the excellent relations now existing between the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., will the Prime Minister assure the House that he will take all necessary steps to make an end of the newspaper intrigues in this connection and particularly those newspapers controlled by Lord Beaverbrook?"

[Lord Beaverbrook is Minister of Aircraft Production and a member of the War Cabinet.]

"Control The Cabinet"

Mr Churchill. There has been a great deal of controversy upon this matter, and whenever it comes into consideration and review it seems to me that a certain amount of discussion appears on both sides. I cannot exercise any control over the Press other than that, which is well known to the House under existing war conditions.

Mr. Hopkinson: If he cannot exercise control over the Press, can he exercise control over his colleagues in the Cabinet?

"Yes, sir. I think I can," replied Mr. Churchill, amid laughter.

Asked if he would continue to pursue a policy of unity of command and unity of purpose concerning the extremely difficult question of the Western approaches Mr. Churchill replied: "Yes, it is extremely important, and the last thing we want is an inter-Services controversy."

He had said earlier when asked for assurances regarding any possible change in the control of the Command: "I see no reason to give any specific assurances which would tend to impair the responsibility of the Government to Parliament for the proper conduct of the war.

"It is my duty as Minister of Defence to review such questions from time to time in the light of current experience.

"As the function of Coastal Command squadrons is that of co-operation with the Royal Navy, the operational policy of the Command must be determined by the Admiralty, of course, in consultation with the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

"Excellent relations have been established since the war between the two Services and the closest contact exists between the naval and air authorities. I am satisfied that the integrity of operational direction will be fully achieved."

Close Contact

"I have come to the conclusion that, while there is no need at the present to change the position of the Coastal Command as part of the Royal Air Force, it is necessary that the Coastal Command should play a more important part than hitherto in trade protection.

"For this purpose substantial increases, some of which have already been effected, will be necessary.

LOST SPEECH FOUND AFTER 51 YEARS

Queen Victoria made an address to Parliament fifty-one years ago, but a Canadian newspaper at Alvinston, Ontario, has only just received it.

It was found in the form of a "boiler plate," a column-long metal casting ready to publish, which had been consigned to the newspaper office, but had somehow been lost at the local railway station.

Demolition of a goods shed at the station revealed the lost parcel.—Reuter.

GOERING HOUSE OF LOOT

Goering has filled his Berlin home with treasures looted from capitals of conquered countries. Rare tapestries and ornaments from museums and private houses have been used to gratify his love of ostentation.

Many Germans know of Goering's conduct and are ashamed of it, an American and former friend of the Reichmarshal told me.

"Why does Hitler, who still lives in a simple manner, allow Goering to act as he does?" ask the Germans.

"It must be that Hitler cannot stop him. That can be the only answer."

The American told me how he was recently invited to Goering's house.

Child's Jewels

"And now," said Frau Goering, "you must meet my little daughter, Edda."

He was taken to the nursery, where he found Edda playing with toys. She came forward prettily to be introduced.

"Then," said my informant, "I was horrified to see that the two-year-old child was weighed down with a huge string of jewels.

"The house glittered with ornaments. Priceless tapestries and rare carpets were everywhere. It was over-powering. I was glad to get away."

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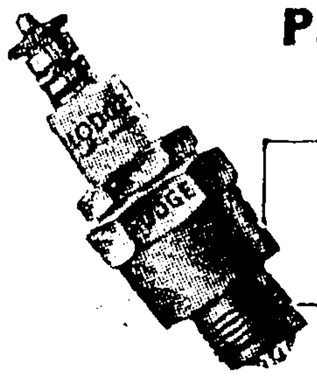

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions: —

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of $3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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A young Congregation Minister on fire-watch duty, who risked his life to save a Bible and Hymn Book from the pulpit of a blazing, bombed chapel, is the hero of a Welsh town.

For two hours after this exploit he stood, dressed in his pyjamas, directing a hose pipe into flames which threatened several hundred nearby houses.

A chapel member told a reporter: "Our pastor, the Rev. Jones was really wonderful. He lives next door to the chapel and was in his garden fire-watching when the raid was at its worst.

"He saw an incendiary fall on the roof and rushed into the chapel. The ceiling was burning furiously.

"He risked his life to climb into the pulpit to save the Bible and Hymn Book.

"The organ above the pulpit was a sheet of flames and burning chunks of wood fell about him, but he came out unharmed and went back to help the firemen."

The minister's only comment when he surveyed the ruins was, "Thank God the chapel had it and we were able to save the houses."

PINCH WIVES' BEAUTY POTS

Husbands — some of them he-men — are being hit by the recent rationing of beauty products.

In shops and stores they made a raid "for their wives" on lotions and creams rather than lipsticks and powder.

Beauty experts and saleswomen believe the fact that most men have a secret hankering for their wives' beauty pots is the reason.

One in Liverpool remarked: "These men are not effeminate.

"They like to use creams after shaving and to protect their skins from the weather, as some of them have much more sensitive skins than their wives.

"Women clients who tell me their husbands pinch their lotions usually add they are thoroughly tough in all other respects."

Another expert explained: "Men are often too lazy or too shy to buy their own creams, but if they buy a beauty box for their wives they can kill two birds with one stone."

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

What Kind Of Double?

By The Four Aces

"What kind of double did East make in the enclosed hand?" queries a St. Louis reader. "It started an interesting debate, which is still going on."

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

	♠ A 10 8 7 6 ♡ Q 10 6 2 ◇ A Q 5 ♣ J	
♠ Q 4 ♡ 9 8 7 ◇ J 10 8 ♣ K 9 8 3 2	N W E S	♠ K J 9 3 2 ♡ A J 4 ◇ 7 ♣ A Q 10 4
	♠ 5 ♡ K 5 3 ◇ K 9 6 4 3 2 ♣ 7 6 5	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2◇	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"After South had made his contract with an overtrick, West hastily asserted that East's double was a Penalty Double, since he hadn't doubled at his first opportunity. East replied that it should have been obvious that he was doubling for a Takeout. We all granted that was so when we saw his hand, but are not sure that West could have known when the hand was actually being bid.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE ... 3
KING .. 2
QUEEN 1
JACK ... ½
TOTAL VALUE OF HIGH CARDS AMONGST HAND 40.

"If East and West were both experts, what would East's double mean in the situation described—a Penalty or a Takeout Double?"

It would be a Takeout Double. To begin with, remember that South has passed originally and that North's failure to rebid denies a strong hand. Someone must have a good hand; and West should realise that when the opponents confess weakness and his own hand is poor, his partner should have a strong hand. Then again, what point would there be in doubling for penalties? North and South would just "run" to a safer contract, thanking East for warning them of their danger.

As a matter of fact, West's own hand should make it obvious that the double is not for penalties. Surely North and South should have at least seven or eight diamonds between them for the two-diamond bid and North's pass of acceptance; and West can see three more diamonds in his own hand. Therefore East cannot have enough diamonds for a Penalty Double.

* * *

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♡ 5 2
◇ 8 4 2
♣ J 6 5

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. Your main reason for responding to one diamond was that your partner might have an extraordinary "fit" for spades. The jump in no-trump denies any such wonderful support for spades, so you must avoid any further increase in the contract by passing.

Score 100% for pass, 20% for three spades.

Question No. 661

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 10 9 6 3
♡ Q 5 4 2
◇ 8 3
♣ J

The bidding:

Maier	You	Schenken	Jacoby
3◇	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says she certainly cuts a figure on the ice rink he means she's a swell performer.

OFF THE RECORD — By ED REED

"He has your chin, Dear—if my memory is correct?"

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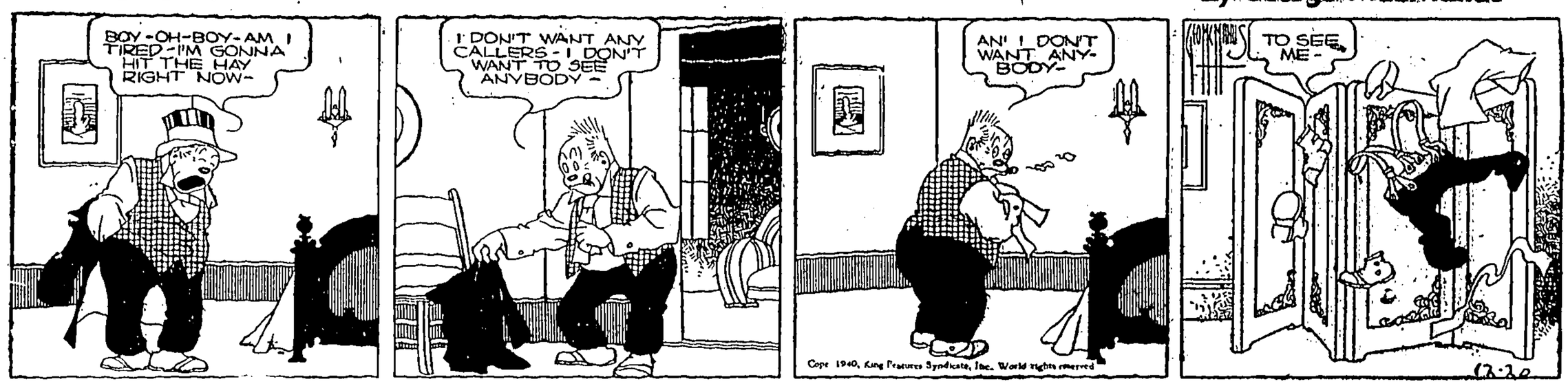
Bringing Up Father — **By George MacManus**



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Time Out For Hot Soup

. . . And On Cold Winter Days Let Soups Be Hearty & Sustaining

Says Dorothy Greig

Stamping in after a morning's workaday bout with cold and wind, it's cheery to sit down to a bowl of hot soup.

Stout, substantial soups truly give something to "come and go on" when winds blow cold. And to-day, thanks be, hearty soups are a matter of minutes only to prepare. They come out of cans to be heated in short order.

One thing I like to do is combine one soup with another. It's a wonderful way to get soups that are extra thick and nourishing. Also, such soups are individual and different. For instance, here are some that are especially savoury.

Frost Bite Chaser

1 can condensed clam chowder
1 can condensed chicken gumbo soup
2 cans milk (using soup can for measure)

Empty the clam chowder into a sauce pan and to it add the chicken gumbo soup. Then stir in 2 cans of milk. Heat to boiling point, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

Skier's Warmer-Up

1 can condensed bean-with-bacon soup

1 can condensed pea soup

1 can water

1 can milk

1 frankfurter, sliced

Combine the bean-with-bacon soup and the pea soup. Stir in the water gradually and then add the can of milk (using the soup can for a measure). Heat to the boiling point, but do not boil. Saute the frankfurter slices in a little butter and use as garnish. Serves 5-7.

Ole Man Winter Soup

1 can condensed pea soup

1 can condensed pepper pot

2 cans of water

Combine the pepper pot and pea soups. Then add the 2 cans of water, using the soup can for a measure. Heat and simmer for 3 minutes. Serves 5-7.

Toboggan Slide Bisque

1 can condensed tomato soup

1 can condensed celery soup

1 can milk, using soup can for measure

Combine the tomato and celery soups. Then add 1 can of milk, using the soup can for a measure. Heat, but do not boil. Serves 4-5.

Skater's Whirl

1 can condensed Scotch broth

1 can condensed tomato soup

1 can condensed pea soup

2 cans water.

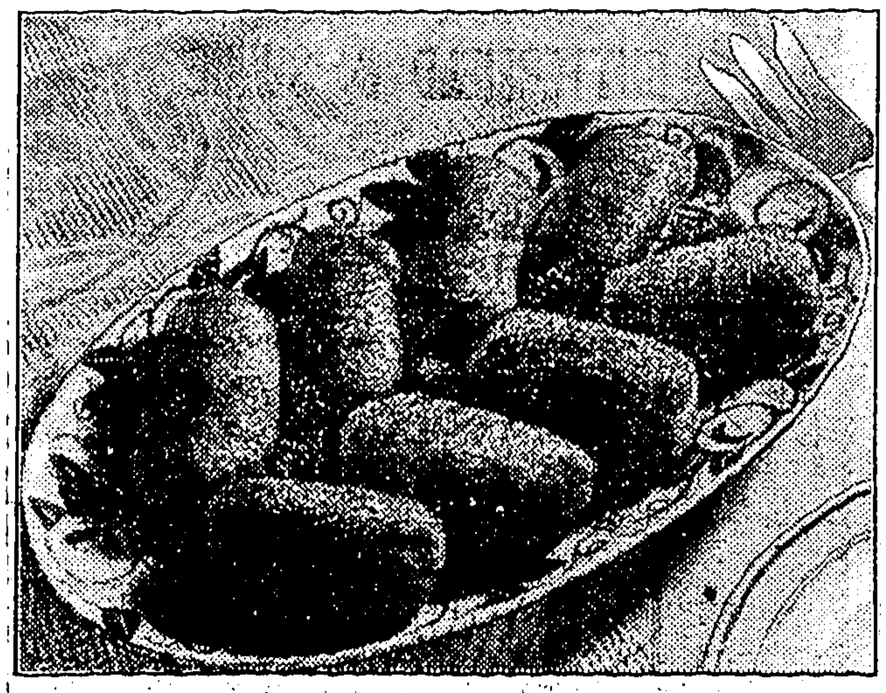
To the pea soup add the can of tomato soup stirring constantly. Then add 1 can of Scotch broth. Stir in 2 cans of water (using soup can for a measure). Serves 7-9.

Ham and Mushroom Croquettes

pan hot...crispy brown...and tender

by Dorothy Greig

THERE'S nothing namby pamby about these croquettes. They exult in keen relishing flavor. That is partly because they are made of ham, in itself one of our most flavorsome of meats.



To that is added the velvet creaminess of condensed cream of mushroom soup with its fullness of mushroom flavor, finely chopped eggs and seasonings. Let us roll, dip and quick fry our croquettes to hot brown crumb crispness. Then serve them in all their fork tenderness to the ones that we love best.

The Croquettes

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
6 hard-cooked eggs, finely chopped
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon prepared mustard
1½ cups soft bread crumbs
1 cup ham, finely chopped

Combine the salt, Worcestershire sauce and prepared mustard with the chopped eggs. Heat the cream of mushroom soup and add the chopped eggs (with seasonings), soft bread crumbs and chopped ham. Heat and cook 4-5 minutes. Chill for 2-3 hours. Mold into croquettes.

The Breading for Them:

Flour
Fine crumbs
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 tablespoons water

Dip the croquettes in a mixture of the flour and fine bread crumbs (½ flour and ½ crumbs), then in the egg mixed with milk or water, and roll in the fine crumbs at the last. Fry in hot, deep fat (365°-385° F.) for 2-5 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 8 croquettes.

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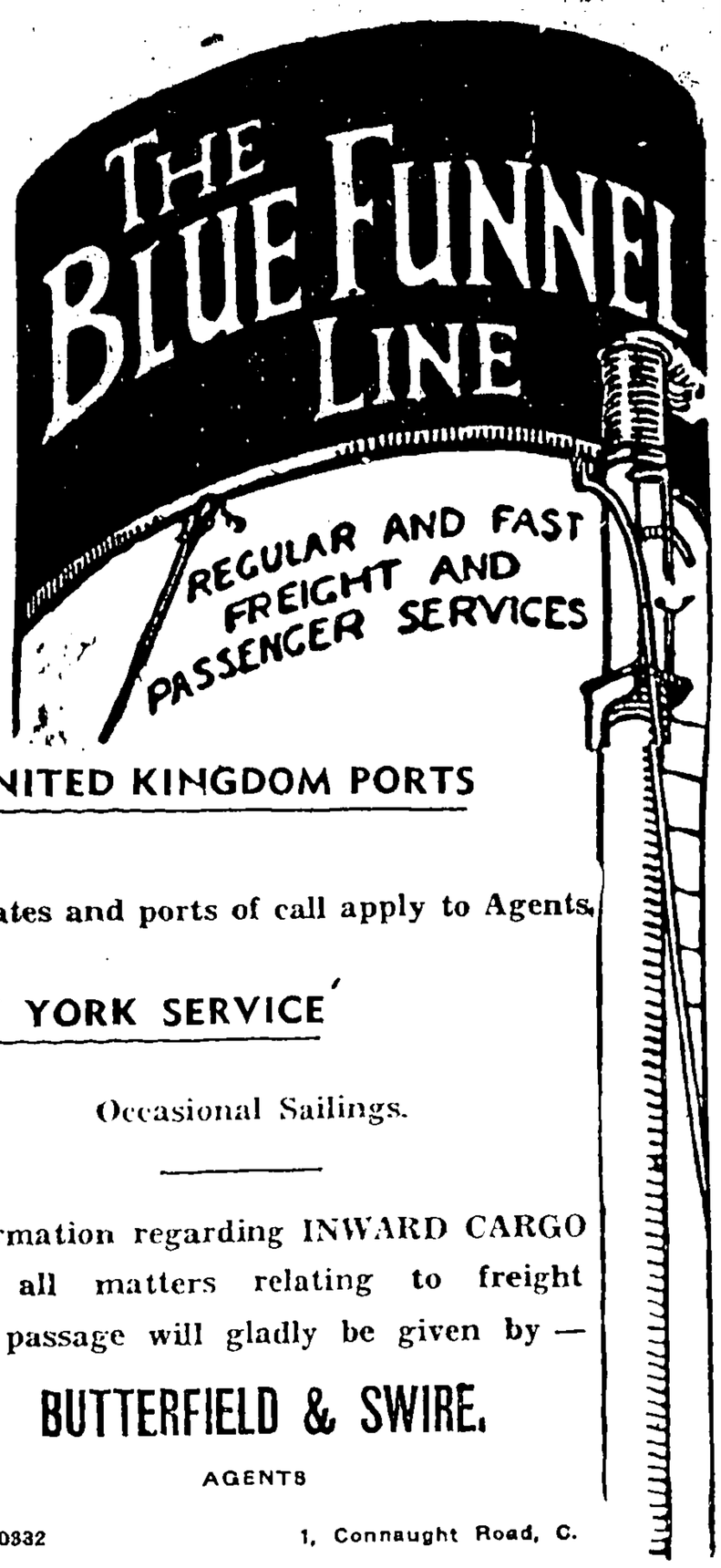

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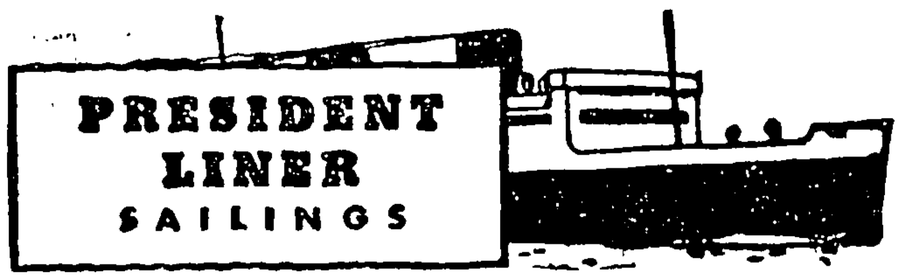

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Ord. 7.00 p.m.

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Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m. — London Piano-Accordeon Band.
Where the Mountains Meet the Sea (Butler & Tuisley); Remembrance (Melfi & Others); Maid of Brazil (Le Roy & Marsden); The Whistling Waltz (film 'Limelight'); Back In Those Old Kentucky Days (Brown); Good Evening! Pretty Lady (Evans & Others) .. with Vocal Chorus.
12.50 p.m.—Songs by The Street Singer.
Say It (from 'Buck Benny rides again'); I Won't Tell A Soul (Parker, Charles); Goodnight, Angel (from 'Radio City Revels')....with Instrumental acc.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Compositions of Albeniz.
Navarra..Artnur Rubinstein (Piano); If I could Forget your Eyes... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Sevilla...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano), Suite Iberia.. Madrid Symphony Orchestra conducted by Enrique Fernandez Arbos
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
Rumba—Jungle Drums.. Henry King & His Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Sunrise Serenade, Stairway to the Stars Jack Hylton & His Orchestra; Tangos—Noche De Reves, Che Papusa Oi!...Geraldo & His Gaucho Tango Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Sing, My Heart (film 'Love Affair'), The Gentlemah Awaits ..Will Osborne & His Music, Waltz—Mammy's Lullaby The Green Brothers' Marimba Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close down
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
'The Maid of the Mountains' Selection (Fraser-Simson) The London Palladium Orchestra cond by Richard Crean; 'Jolly Roger' Vocal Gems ..Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra, 'The Three Waltzes'—Selection (Oscar Strauss after Johann Strauss, father & son) ..Orchestra Georges Tzipine with Grand Opera of the Gaumont Palace, Paris
6.55 p.m.—A R P Announcement regarding the forthcoming Census
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m. — London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B Priestly.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements
8.02 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ. Song of Paradise (King); Serenade (Moussorgsky); In A Monastery Garden (Ketelbey); Second Serenade (Heykens).
8.15 p.m.—Harry Roy's New Stage Show (Recorded at the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London).
8.30 p.m.—Film Selections.
'Sailing Along' Selection...Louis Levy & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Gerry FitzGerald and Eve Becke; 'Wake Up and Live'—Never in a Million Years, It's Swell of You...Alice Kaye with Cy Feuer Orchestra; 'Rosalie'—Rosalie, 'Life of the Party'—Roses in December ...Rawicz and Landauer (Piano Duets); 'The Great Victor Herbert'—Someday, Thine Alone...Allan Jones (Vocal) with Orchestra; 'It's Love Again'—Selection...Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony with Janet Lind (Vocal).
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 p.m.—De Groot & His Orchestra with Charles Kullman (Tenor).
Chanson Bohemienne (Boldi), On A Dreamy Summer Night (Krome)... De Groot & His Orchestra; Smilin' Through (Penn)..Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra; Autumn (Chaminade)...De Groot & His Orchestra; Gypsy Love Song (Victor Herbert)..Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra; Traume (Wagner)...De Groot & His Orchestra; Vale (d'Arcy & Russell), Love, Here is My Heart (Ross & Silesu) ..Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra & Organ; In The Night (Tate) De Groot & His Orchestra.
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Sifort Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.
10.15 p.m.—Humorous Variety Programme.
Vocal—Grub (Frankau & Others), Music (Frankau & Others), Murgatroyd & Winterbottom with Piano; Comedienne—A Perfect Lady (Pherns & Gwyn)..Doris Palmer with Piano, A Musical Caricature—Phonograph Record, Player Piano and Carmen Lombardo..Alec Templeton, Comedian—Backscratcher ..Max Miller with Orchestra, Comedienne—Down at Our Charity Bazaar (Aza) Gracie Fields with Orchestra; Comedian—Impshe ..Max Miller with Orchestra, Impressionist—The Singing Lesson Jane Carr; Vocal—Said the Little Brown Hen (Formby & Others) George Formby with His Ukulele & Orchestra, Impressionist—Sun Bathing ..Janes Carr, Vocal—Trailing Around in a Trailer (Gifford & Cliff) George Formby & His Ukulele with Orchestra; Humorous Monologue—One Each a Piece All Round..Stanley Holloway with Piano; Comedienne—Whiskers and All (Weston)..Gracie Fields with Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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PROFIT-TAKING ON STOCK MARKET

Interest on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly centred on gilt-edged securities in which further rises were registered though a little profit-taking fractionally reduced early gains. India stocks made further headway on good buying, but elsewhere business was confined to small limits. Among foreign issues, Czech and Austrian loans were slightly higher. Wall Street was dull. Reuter.

UNIVERSITY ARTS PLAYS

The Hong Kong University Arts Association are presenting G. B. Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion," preceded by a short Chinese play in English, "The Horsedealer's Story," on Saturday March 22, at 8.45 p.m. in the University Great Hall. A special performance for schools will be given on Friday, the 21st at 7 p.m. The proceeds from both performances will be given to the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

Woman's Will Power Saves Family

MOTHER, DAUGHTER and son, trapped in the basement of their bomb-wrecked home, were saved after rescue squads had tunnelled under four houses.

But they were only freed because a sister insisted that they were in the basement. Officials had believed that no one was under the wreckage.

After the house was hit Mrs. A. Beale almost wept for joy as she heard the sound of shovels and picks striking wreckage.

She did not know that it was a demolition squad at work, unaware that anyone was trapped in the vicinity.

"No One Here"

Then the sound of someone moving overhead reached the three occupants of the dark, dust-filled room.

To their horror the family heard a voice faintly in the distance say, "It's all right, there's no one here; they were all evacuated before the raid."

The frantic mother and her daughter, aged seventeen, shouted for help but their cries were not heard.

Mr. Beale, the husband, had left the shelter for a few minutes before the bomb fell, but has since been reported missing.

Ironically, Mrs. Beake, her daughter Irene and her son John could hear the demolition squad still working, salvaging the furniture, only a hundred yards away.

Mother and daughter shouted themselves hoarse, but the hours dragged by until they had been trapped for ten hours. They had no food or water.

Scent As Reviver

Bravely, Mrs. Beale tired to keep up the spirits of her son, aged six, and daughter.

Irene, with a tiny bottle of scent she found in her handbag, bathed the foreheads of her mother and little brother to soothe them.

But outside, by a miracle, the sister of Mrs. Beale, who had heard of the damage, was telling the demolition squad that she was certain that her sister and children were among the wreckage.

For a time no one believed her, the area had been officially evacuated, but they woman had pleaded with them.

The captain of the squad gave the order and the rescue workers began to tunnel through four houses to get to the basement.

To their amazement they found the family exhausted and suffering from shock, but still alive.

"Leave Us The Light"

Mr. A. W. Brown, one of the rescue squad told a reporter:

"When we first made the hole in the wall and shone a torch through Mrs. Beale cried, 'For heaven's sake leave us the light.'

"It was fourteen hours after they had been trapped before we got them out. All of them were overjoyed.

"The little boy, who had been very brave, said: 'Thank you, mister,' when we lifted them out.

"Mrs. Beake told me that the worst part of their ordeal was when they heard people near them saying there was one in need of help.

"It was like being buried alive."

Mr. Beale, who had apparently left the shelter and intended to return, has not yet been traced.

Mrs. Beale and her family are now staying with friends in another London district.

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Entertainments $7 b.

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INDIA'S HOLDING OF SECURITIES

The India Office announces that an acquisition order has been made by the Government of India affecting holdings of certain leading American dollar securities owned by residents in British India.

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Similar orders have been made by the Government of Burma and by the Indian States. — British Wireless.

UNUSUAL FILM SHORT

One of the most unusual of short subjects to come from Hollywood for some time is Warner Bros. "Cavalcade of Academy Awards," which will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day.

Every star who ever won an Academy Award is in it, and the mammoth parade starts as far back as 1928 when Jeanette Gaynor won the first "Oscar" with her performance in "Seventh Heaven."

Brief flashes of famous box office performances follow with each succeeding year, and the story is grippingly told by "Oscar" himself; a role taken by Hollywood's famous commentator, Carey Wilson.

Memories of Marie Dressler's stirring performance in "Min and Bill," Al Jolson's "The Jazz Singer," the first talkie to be filmed, Norma Shearer's "The Gay Divorcee," Emile Jannings' "The Way of All Flesh," and many other outstanding film achievements crowd the mind as the first few years flash all too quickly by.

As a fitting climax is the recent Academy Award dinner in Los Angeles. Every star in Hollywood is present in hopeful anticipation. Famous personalities of screen and radio take turns on the platform in awarding the great, and Directors, technicians, playwrights, authors and song writers share honours with the stars in receiving the award.

To David Selznik go the highest honours for the best direction of the year. Robert Donat shines as the male star for his performance in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," while Vivien Leigh gets first acclaim as Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind." Also amongst the first five in the male class are Clark Gable, Laurence Olivier and James Stewart, while feminine stars include Bette Davis, Greer Garson, Greta Garbo and Irene Dunne. Not to be outmoded are Hattie McDaniel, loveable mammy of "Gone With The Wind," and Thomas Michell of "Stage Coach" fame, who receive special awards for supporting roles. The juvenile award was received that year by Judy Garland, actress and songstress of "The Wizard of Oz." And so on ad infinitum.

This Warner Bros. short was produced by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences under the personal supervision of Frank Capra, well-known director of many outstanding motion picture productions and himself twice winner of the Academy Award for the best direction — M. A. M.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

ARMY INDIVIDUAL BOXING CANCELLED

Q.T. HOCKEY MATCH TO-DAY

THIS AFTERNOON the Army (British team) are expected to defeat Hong Kong Hockey Club in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament which will be played at King's Park, bully-off 4.45 p.m.

The team representing the British Army will be as follows:—
L Cpl. Dove (Royal Signals)
Cpl. Neve (Royal Scots)
Bdr. Anderson (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
Sgt. Crowley (Middlesex Regt.)
Sgt. Croston (Royal Engineers)
Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex Regt.)
Cpl. Singleton (Royal Engineers)
Pte. Sheehan (Middlesex Regt.)
Pte. Hitchcott (Royal Scots)
Cpl. Shaw (Royal Engineers)
Sgt. Homberg (Royal Engineers)
RESERVES:—Cpl. Alsey (Royal Scots) and L Sgt. Taylor (Royal Engineers).

This same team will play against the Indian Army team on Friday, at Marina ground, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

A good match should be witnessed this afternoon in the semi-final of the Small Units Knockout competition between the 3rd Med. Battery, H.K.S.R.A. and the Hong Kong Signal Company at Sookunpoo, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

How they reached the semi-final:—
SIGNALS
Beat 7th A.A. Bty., R.A.
Beat H.K.S.R.A. (H.Q. Coy.).
Beat 40th (F) Coy., R.E.
34 MED. BATTERY, H.K.S.R.A.
Beat 20th Hvy. Bty., R.A.
Beat 35th M.C.D. Bty., H.K.S.R.A.
Beat 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A.

The 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A. have already entered into the final of this competition by defeating H.Q. Coy., Middlesex Regt.

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Snooker

THE Medical Corps are still leading by one point in the Garrison Snooker League from the Royal Engineers Sergeants.

Both have played 10 games and the points are:—Medical Corps 39 points, and R.E. Sergeants 38 points.

MATCHES PLAYED DURING LAST WEEK
R.A. Sgts. Stanley 4 points—C.M. Police 2 points.
R.E. "A" Team 2 points—R.A. Sgts. Stanley 4 points.
Signals "A" Team 2 points—R.A. Sgts. Stanley 4 points.
R.E. Sgts. 5 points—R.E. "A" Team 1 point.
R.A.P.C. 4 points—Signals Cpls. 2 points.
C.M. Police 3 points—R.A.M.C. 3 points.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	10	5	1	4	39
R.E. Sergeants	10	6	2	2	38
R.A. Sgts. Stanley	10	5	1	4	34
C.M. Police	10	2	3	6	29
R.A.P.C.	10	3	4	3	27
R.E. "A" Team	10	2	4	2	27
Signals "A"	10	3	7	0	23
Signals Cpls.	10	2	6	2	23

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Association Football

TO-MORROW at Caroline Hill Army will play Navy in the Kotewall Cup kick-off 4.30 p.m.

This should be a good game, in view of the fact that Navy beat Kowloon Football Club on Saturday by four clear goals.

The Army team will be as follows:—
L/Cpl. Bankier (Royal Scots); Pte. Naysmith (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Fraser (Royal Scots); Cpl. Birrell (Royal Engineers), L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex Regt.) and Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex Regt.); Sgt. Owens (Royal Artillery), Spr. Fox (Royal Engineers), Pte. Hosack (Royal Scots), Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) and S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.) (Capt.).
RESERVES:—L/Cpl. Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Bdr. Guy (Royal Artillery), Gnr. Atkins (Royal Artillery) and Pte. Munro (Royal Scots).

Royal Army Service Corps are still piling on the goals and last Saturday they gave no mercy to their opponents, Kwong Wah, whom they defeated by eight goals to two, this bringing their goals scored so far this season to 105.

They are one point behind Royal Engineers, but have played one game more.

Both the senior military teams had a win on Saturday and this was the Diehards' third successive win.

Royal Scots won their first match for a long period by beating the Club on Sunday by two goals to nil.

Royal Scots and Kowloon, in Second Division, did not play owing to Volunteers' Camp and they will not receive the points as mentioned in the paper on Monday morning.

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Rugby Football

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo there will be two matches in the Large Units Rugby League, between Royal Artillery and the Combined Small Units, and Middlesex Regt. and Royal Scots.

In this League Royal Engineers have a fine lead of four points from their nearest opponents, Royal Artillery.

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY
LARGE UNITS RUGBY LEAGUE
Combined Small Units v Royal Artillery (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.).
Middlesex Regt. v Royal Scots (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.).
LARGE UNITS HOCKEY LEAGUE
Middlesex Regt. v H.K.S.R.A. (Marina ground, Chatham Road, bully off 3.00 p.m.).
SMALL UNITS HOCKEY COMPETITION—SEMI-FINAL
3rd Med. Battery, H.K.S.R.A. v H.K. Signal Coy. (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.).
QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
British Army Team v Hong Kong Hockey Club (King's Park, bully off 4.30 p.m.).

TO-MORROW
KOTEWALL CUP
Army v Navy (Caroline Hill, kick off 4.30 p.m.).
FRIDAY
QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
British Army Team v Indian Army Team (Marina ground, bully off 4.30 p.m.).
SATURDAY
RUGBY FOOTBALL
Army & Club v Navy & Police (Club ground, kick off 3.15 p.m.).
SUNDAY
GOVERNOR'S CUP
H.K.F.A. v Combined Chinese (Causeway Bay, kick off 3.30 p.m.).

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Engineers	5	5	0	0	10
Royal Artillery	4	3	0	1	6
Royal Scots	4	1	1	2	3
Middlesex Regt.	5	1	0	4	2
Combined Small Units	4	0	1	3	1

In the Colony Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament, 8th Hvy. Regt. "A" were badly defeated in the Final by the Club "A" to the tune of 21 points to nil; they did well up to the Final, defeating Tamar "A" by five points to three in the Quarter-Finals, and B. & S. in the Semi-Final by three points to nil after extra time. They lost in the Final by 22 points to nil.

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Boxing

LAST week Middlesex Regiment held their Inter-Company Open Boxing competition, and several of the Battalion boxing belts changed hands.

Pte. Cooper, who won his division in the Battalion this year as a novice, beat L/Cpl. McGrady last year's winner of the middleweight belt; Pte. Fawcett beat Cpl. Fox for the light heavyweight belt; Drum-Major Holdfor retained his belt in the welterweight class; Pte. Noble, who was the battalion featherweight holder this year, won the lightweight belt; Pte. Hills gained the featherweight belt, and Pte. Hope retained his bantamweight belt.

Owing to there being insufficient entries for the Command Individual Opens, this competition will not be held this year, so the next main boxing competition for Army boxers will be held in April at Murray Barracks, when the Inter Unit Opens will take place.

HOCKEY CLUB SELECTIONS

The following will present Hong Kong Hockey Club against the British Army in the Quadrangular Tournament at King's Park at 4.45 p.m. to-day:

V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond, A. E. P. Guest; R. Marques, W. A. Reed, N. V. M. Whitley; D. T. Smith, T. S. D. Whitley, E. Folwer, H. L. Ozorio and J. M. Morgan.

PANCHO VILLA HAD SYSTEM TO WIN RACES

Pancho Villa had the only system for beating the races.

The old Mexican rough rider simply said: "The horse mus' win," as staff members carelessly fondled their holsters, writes an Amercian correspondent.

Villa took possession of the Juarez track, across from El Paso, in 1912. One day the agrarian rebel made a $500 bet. There were two horses with similar names — Lady Panchita and Panzareta. The seller gave him tickets on Lady Panchita Panzareta won.

Villa appeared at the cashier's window.

"Pay me," said he.

"But you bet on Lady Panchita, general," replied the mutuel clerk.

"No. No. Pay me, I bet Panzareta," insisted the insurrecto chieftain. His staff members commenced to appear nervous.

They paid Villa. Gladly.

"Mus' Win"

Villa was touted on a good thing.

"I'll bet, yes," the old boy told them. "The horse mus' win." He was no sucker.

Col. Phil Chinn and Pat Knegelgump laid the general for a large wager . . . then got to thinking about his remark—"The horse mus' win."

So the horse which "mus' win" was scratched. It was one time the bookmakers couldn't win. Villa got no action . . . his money back.

The boys at Caliente recall one fellow being ruled off the turf for touting Villa on a steed which didn't win.

Villa demanded payment. The bookmaker paid. For 10 years that widely known race tracker wasn't restored to good standing because he started something too hot to handle.

Exciting Days

Those were exciting days on the border. It perhaps was the only time a race meeting was called off while armies battled. The Villaistas demonstrated they could shoot cannon straight . . . with track buildings as their targets. The Federals retaliated. There was much sniping. The grandstand steps were stained with blood. It was two weeks before Col. Matt Winn could resume operations.

Meanwhile, Villa had his fling at the races.

And when Pancho Villa bet, "the horse mus' win."

GOLF GOSSIP

Our golfers younger than 60 are satisfied now that when Harry Vardon was burning up British and American courses with breath-taking 77's, in Queen Victoria's reign, the feat was equivalent to beating par to-day, writes a correspondent.

It wasn't only that Vardon, J. H. Taylor and other old-timers played in tweed jackets reaching below the hips and used timber-shafted clubs. The big difference, as shown recently by an Australian match for the soldiers' comforts fund, was that the ball was solid gutta-percha.

Somebody found a few of these links with the past, brushed the dust off them, and gave them to two leading professionals for use in a match against two older pros, who played with modern rubber-cored balls.

Beaten 2 And 1

New South Wales pro champion Bill Bolger (who won the national open in 1936 with 283) and easy-swinging Sam Richardson (1935 N. S. W. pro champion) teed up the hard gutta-percha specimens and were beaten, 2 and 1, by Fred Popplewell (1925 and 1928 open champion) and Victor James.

Swinging hickory-shafted clubs, Bolger nudged the solid ball around Bonnie Doon course in 79, eight over par. Richardson, with steel clubs, took 81. At the 14 holes longer than 360 yards they had to play two full woods. Against the wind, a 540-yard hole took Richardson three woods to reach the green, each a superbly-hit shot.

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HEATS FOR UNIVERSITY SPORTS MTG.

Further heats in the University Sports to be held on Saturday were run off yesterday at Pokfulum. The results were as follows:

100 Yards:—Heat 1—1, V. Zaitzeff (Lugard), 2, S. H. Leung (Ricci): Time: 10 4-5 secs. Heat 2—1, J. Fenton (Morrison), 2, Lum Pak-huen (Elliot): Time: 10 2-5 secs. Heat 3—1, T. T. Chin (Elliot), 2, Xavier (Ricci): Time: 10 4-5 secs. Heat 4—1, W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard): Time: 10 4-5 secs.

220 Yards:—Heat 1—1, S. H. Leung (Ricci), 2, J. Fenton (Morrison): Time: 25 secs. Heat 2—1, W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard): Time: 25 2-5 secs. Heat 3—1, S. Mahmood (Lugard), 2, V. Zaitzeff (Lugard): Time: 25 2-5 secs. Heat 4—1, K. M. Au Morrison), 2, Wong Kok-see (Elliot): Time: 26 1-10 secs.

Long Jump:—1, E. Mazuza (Lugard), 2, T. T. Chin (Ellit): Length, 19 ft. 4 ins.

Tug of War:—Section "A" Won by Ricci Hall. Section "B", Won by Elliot Hall.

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Yet he is a "stranger" to all. An American Correspondent refers to Byron Nelson, 1939 National Open champion, 1940 P. G. A. titleholder, and recent winner off the Miami $10,000 Open tournament. Nelson, for three years professional at the Reading Country Club, now is located at Inverness Country Club, Toledo, O.

Nelson probably is the most misunderstood professional in the big time circuit. They say he is uppish, they say he lacks colour, they say he makes a bad impression on the gallery.

Not Uppish

The lanky Texan is anything but uppish.

In a small city like Reading, where Nelson really got his start, a sports writer gets to know the golf professionals. He plays a couple of rounds with them very month.

Members of the Reading club saw him develop from a promising young golfer to the National Open champion in that period. When he left Reading, he was the same Byron Nelson who came to the city in 1937, flushed with his first important victory, the Augusta Masters.

There's a good story back of Nelson's rapid rise to fame. Four years ago they used to say the angular youth lacked moxie down.

Stanley Giles, chairman of the greens committee at the Reading club, took Byron aside one day in 1937 in the pro shop.

"I've seen every leading pro in the country play and right now I think you're the best shotmaker in the game," Giles told Byron. "There is no reason why you shouldn't win every tournament in which you participate. You can beat any of these stars."

Believes Self

Giles kept drumming that in Nelson week after week until he had Nelson believing it himself. No longer was he a flash in the pan.

The payoff came in the 1939 National Open at Spring Mill, Philadelphia. It was during the second round of the 72 holes. Nelson had been having trouble with his irons . . . . was closing the blade just a fraction of a second too soon. Work on the practice tee disclosed the fault. Following Nelson, Ed Dudley and Henry Picard that afternoon, we spoke with the big boy at the seventh tee.

"I found the trouble; nothing will stop me now; I'm going to win this tournament," Nelson confided. And from that point until the final putt on the last hole in the playoff with Craig Wood, Nelson hit every shot like a champion.

To-day the experts admit Nelson is the greatest competitor in golfdom. It took a long time. Nelson is big news in Reading although he has been away from here a year. You can't tell his friends here he has donned a high hat. He has our vote every time he goes to the post.

HUGE PRICED PITCHER

Bucky Walters was 13 years old when Catcher Jimmy Wilson of the Phillies became his idol, writes a U.S. correspondent.

Walters got into old Bowl the best way he could to see his favourite perform. Finally he, too, broke into professional baseball in 1929, but wasted five seasons as an ordinary infielder before winding up with the Phillies to have his possibilities as a pitcher realised by his old friend and neighbour.

Wilson, world series luminary of the Cardinals in '28, '30 and '31, could no longer hit it off with his roommate, Frank Frisch, when the one-time Fordham Flash was named manager of the Red Birds.

It was about time he managed a club himself, he figured, and what was more natural than for him to return to Philadelphia.

Shortly thereafter Walters, the kid from down the street, came to the Phillies from the Bees via the waiver route.

Wilson quickly saw that Walters would not hit consistently enough to play third, but was impressed by the way he burned the ball across the diamond.

The Phillies need pitching. Wilson talked the youngster into trying his hand.

"But even in the spring of '35, Bucky was arguing against making the switch," he relates. "But I knew he had the arm and speed and that he was enough all-round ball player to make the change . . . . adjust himself to the box."

Sold For $45,000

Walters made such rapid strides with the wretched Phillies that on June 13, 1938, he was sold to the Reds for $45,000, and, Cincinnati was glad to toss in Virgil Davis and Al Hollingsworth.

And when Wilson had enough in Philadelphia that autumn, he also moved to Cincinnati as a coach.

In Rhineland, with Wilson to advise him, Walters helped the Reds to their first in 20 years with 27 victories and the lowest earned run average in the National League—2.29. He was voted the most valuable player in the loop.

He came back this season as one of the highest salaried athletes in the game, and earned his pay by bagging 22 games.

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WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v Kowloon
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Navy
(Navy ground, 4.30 p.m.)
Club v Eastern
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Club
(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)
Service Corps v Kowloon
(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)
South China v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Kit Chee v Middlesex
(Club, 3.00 p.m.)
Engineers v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
Navy v Sing Tao
(Navy ground, 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v 20th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 3.00 p.m.)
35th R.A. v 24th R.A.
(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Engineers
(Military, 4.30 p.m.)
R.A.M.C. v 36th R.A.
(Military, 3.00 p.m.)
International v 12th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)
A.S.A. v Shell
(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)

Sunday

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Hong Kong Football Association v Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.
(Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET

The following will represent Civil Service in a First Division League cricket match against Indians on Saturday:—J. E. Richardson (Captain), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. Whitley, A. M. J. Wright.

CLUB "A" RUGBY TEAM

Following have been selected to represent Club "A" in a Rugby match on Club ground tomorrow at 5.15 p.m. against a team not yet nominated:—Walkden; Needham, Carruthers, Milner and Didsbury; Aitkenhead and Morgan; McEwan, Dunnett, Moodie, Dalziel, Attwell, Castleton, Godfrey and Olsen.

Y.M.C.A. BILLIARDS

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. in a billiards match against R.A.M.C. Army champions, at 8 p.m. to-night at the Y.M.C.A.—Jones, Jackson, Champelovier, Eager, Sykes, Curtis. Reserves:—Whitmore, Moreland.

RANJI TROPHY

Maharashtra won the Ranji Trophy for the second year in succession yesterday when they beat Madras by six wickets, says Reuter from New Delhi.

SCRIBE ASTOUNDED AT ANTICS OF U.S.A. OFFICIALS

By Charley Paddock

(Publisher, The "Pasadena Star-News," One-Time "Fastest Human")

After all the years I have been in amateur sports as a competitor and as an observer, I shouldn't by rights be surprised by anything any of the officials do. But I guess I'll never grow up. The antics of the amateur officials continue to amaze me.

Let us consider that dignified group known as the Pacific Coast Conference. The boys got themselves a high commissioner. To make sure no one would have false illusions as to why they got him and what kind of police duties he was expected to perform, they hired a former G-man. It was all in the interests of amateurism.

To make sure everyone had his worst suspicions realised, the G-man went out and barred some of the most promising young football players in the west from attending U.C.L.A., California and Southern California.

Of course these youngsters were no better and no worse than hundreds of other prep stars being "rushed" by over-eager alumni of these particular institutions of higher learning, as well as all the other members of the Pacific Coast Conference. What has been accomplished by making "examples" of these boys and these particular colleges has not yet been explained. But it was all in the interests of amateurism.

Wrong Move

The Los Angeles Coliseum is the only stadium in that city large enough to stage outstanding athletic events. Professional rodeos, ice carnivals and other play-for-pay shows are often held there. But the conference refused to let the best professional football teams in the world use the Coliseum even for a relief show. Why? Officials said it was not right for the amateurs to use the same field as the professionals even on different days, weeks and months. Yet conference teams play elsewhere throughout the land on fields where professional football teams also cavort.

The real answer, of course, is that U.S.C., U.C.L.A. and the conference teams which annually meet them at the Los Angeles Coliseum are afraid professional football might be popularised in the southland at the expense of college pay if the pro teams had a chance to show their wares before 100,000 rather than less than 20,000. But it was done, I assure you, all in the interests of amateurism.

Finally, that the boys might be looked after in the "right" way, the conference decided that those players who competed in the Rose Bowl might be given $60 for their services, if in the opinion of the college officials they would have lost that much by not having a Christmas vacation job.

Al Masters, graduate manager of Stanford, an A. A. U. official of many years standing, could not accept that one. He knew that this constituted out-and-out professionalism and would be proper grounds to bar any athlete, whether he accepted the money or not, so long as one player on the field did, from open amateur competition either in this country or abroad.

So Stanford, thanks to Masters, is safe, but that does not excuse the action of the Pacific Coast Conference officials. They are still merrily moving along their trail of inconsistencies, always, of course, in the interests of amateurism.

GOLF GOSSIP

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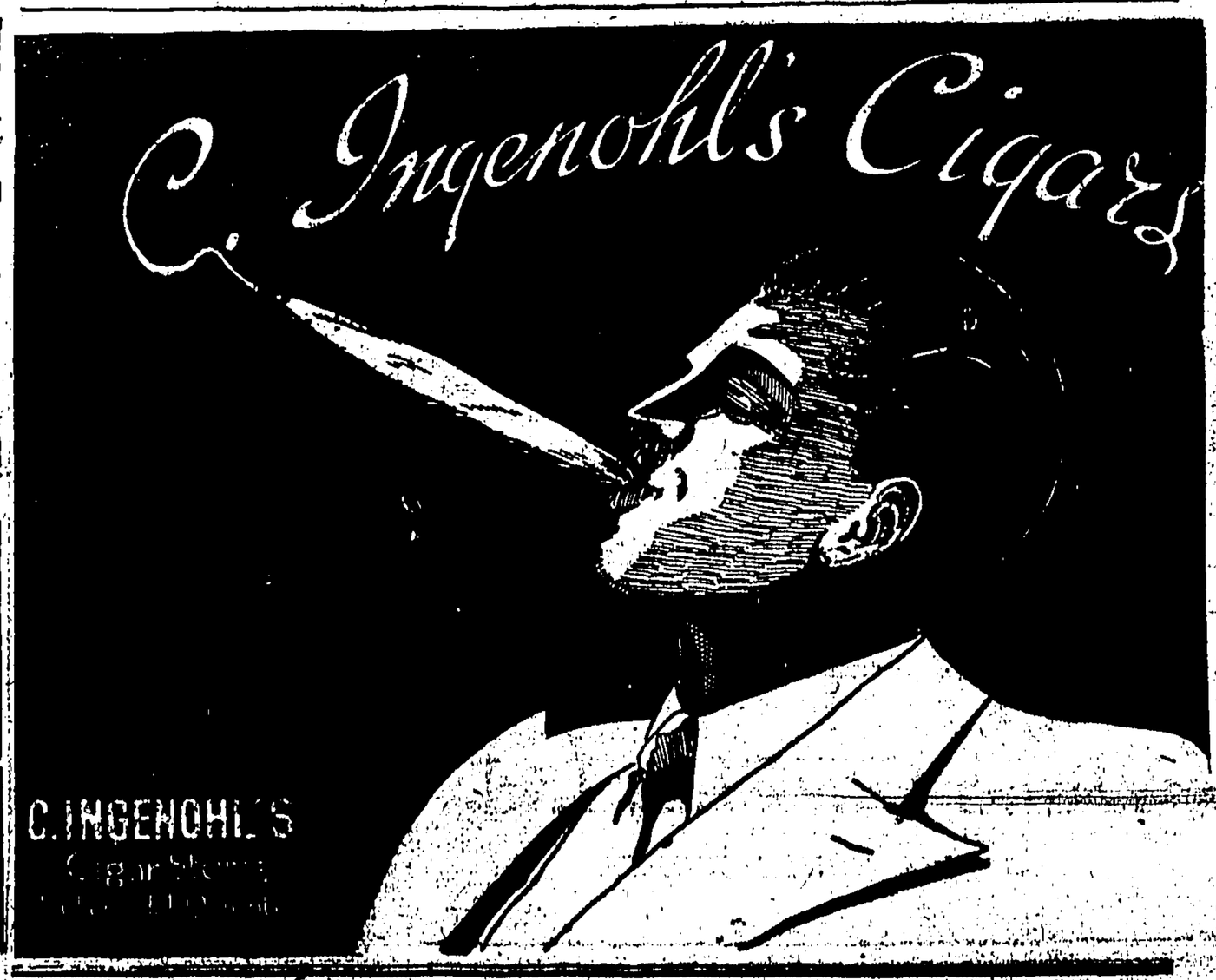
The veterans' rubber-cores outdistanced the gutta-percha balls by 50 to 60 yards down wind, and by 80 to 90 yards against the wind. Bolger found his best drives, usually near 300 yards, reduced to less than 200 yards.

Pairway Of Ice

When records were produced, showing that one D. Rolland had hit a gutty ball 235 yards in 1894 and that Edward Bliss had smacked one 445 yards, Richardson suggested that Bliss must have driven down a fairway of ice.

In flight, the balls' behaviour was irreproachable until they began to lose shape, after a dozen holes. Then they wobbled, ducked and dived like snipe, especially against the wind.

Gutta-percha balls have only one thing over the modern type. No matter how gashed and misshapen they get, plastic surgery can restore their good looks. All that has to be done is to soften them in hot water, put them in a mould, and repaint them.—(*Christian Science Monitor*).



OPENING PHASE OF 1941 BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Now Being Waged In And Over The Atlantic

Intensified War Against Shipping

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

THE OPENING PHASES OF THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN IN 1941 ARE BEING FOUGHT FAR OUT FROM SIGHT OF LAND IN AND ABOVE THE TROUBLED WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

It is a relentless, ceaseless and silent warfare, of which little will be heard save the occasional trickle of news of some heroic exploit.

But the progress of the battle will be marked in the periodic figures of British and Allied shipping losses and in the tally of damage inflicted on enemy raiders both at sea and in the air.

With the improvement in the weather as the Spring "campaigning season opens," it is becoming clear that the immediate German strategy in the West is to endeavour to implement the threat made by Hitler in his last speech of intensified naval warfare on an unprecedented scale.

The Germans are determined to do their utmost to cut the ocean lifeline along which food and supplies reach the British Isles and, with the American Lease and Lend Bill on the threshold of becoming law, they will concentrate, too, on the impending flow of vital American war materials to Britain.

New Problem

The German advance last year, with its ensuing occupation of 2,000 miles of European coastline, presented a new problem which the British Navy and Air Force are tackling with greater determination.

WHEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SIGNS THE LEASE AND LEND BILL, WHICH WILL BRING SUPPLIES TO BRITAIN, THE NAVY'S TASK WILL BE FURTHER INCREASED, AS IT MUST THEN FIND FURTHER CONVOYS TO ENSURE THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF THESE NEW SUPPLIES.

The main battle area lies northwestwards from Britain and eastwards from Iceland, and here naval vessels, fitted with the newest devices for detecting submarines, are waging a day and night warfare with the fullest cooperation of the R.A.F.

U-Boat Strength

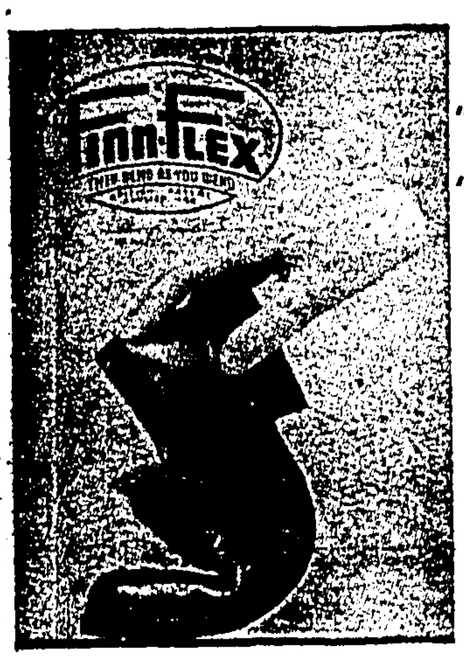
The number of submarines the Germans will use is reliably estimated at between 100 and 150, but not all could be at sea simultaneously.

No single factor which can help defeat the enemy plans is being neglected.

The best scientific brains are working on improved means of U-boat detection, protection against aircraft and so forth, while the question of providing more convoy vessels is receiving constant unremitting attention. — Reuter.

MINOR SKIRMISHES ON THAI BORDER

Minor skirmishes on the Indo-China border during the week-end are reported in a Thailand High Command communique, which alleges that the French fired on a Thai party in the northern sector, and that a French patrol violating the neutral zone in the south was repulsed.—Reuter.



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DRAMATIC STEPS BY ROOSEVELT PREDICTED

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bases on sites acquired from Britain.

Territorial Transfers

The Senate later unanimously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognise the transfer of any region in the western hemisphere from one non-American power to another.

It provides that if such a transfer appears likely, "the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult the other American Republics to determine upon steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests."

The House of Representatives yesterday unanimously agreed on procedure by which, after a two-hours debate on the Lease and Lend Bill to-day, a further vote will be taken on a proposal to agree to all Senate amendments to the Bill.

Senate Roll Call

Senator Vandenberg (Republican) told reporters yesterday that in two roll calls, 89 out of 96 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain, either for the Lease and Lend Bill or Senator Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of $2,000,000,000.

This, he said, showed "a far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll-call might disclose."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

IMMIGRATION INQUIRY EVIDENCE

In evidence the Accountant-General said that the report from Mr. D. H. C. Taylor revealed chaotic conditions in the Immigration Office. Mr. Taylor's comment was "before long, it will not be able to trace an owner's permit."

Advice from the Accountant-General regarding how to deal with deposits had apparently been disregarded by the Immigration Officer.

Mr. A. J. G. Taylor, who was recently transferred to assist in remedying the situation, in a report commented on the "unsatisfactory financial arrangements" and the "deplorable state of affairs" that existed in the Immigration Office."

Referring to the firm which styled itself as the "General Agent for the Immigration Office," the Accountant-General said that the institution of this firm was as a result of an agreement between Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, and Mr. Kobza, of which Government had no part.

"There apparently was," continued the Accountant-General, "no real attempt at supervision." The financial side of the department was entrusted to a few shroffs assisted by a few "unsecured" men and ladies. The system employed by the Immigration Officer of making out payments from receipts was contrary to the regulations.

This was contrary to Government policy, and Government should have been consulted for approval. Apparently, there was no attempt to obtain Government approval.

Had Government been consulted, this man, an "unsecured photographer" would have been rejected because he was not qualified for such a charge.

Not only was this man collecting and paying out money on behalf of Government but was also paying Government revenue into his own private account of his business.

The Inquiry is continuing.

IMMIGRATION INQUIRY OPENS

The public session of the Commission which is investigating the complaints against the Immigration Department opened in unexpected fashion this morning.

The Chairman, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, remarked that it had come to his notice that a letter addressed to Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, Secretary to the Commission, dated March 7, and addressed by mistake to the Immigration Office, was received by Mr. Barnett yesterday already opened and superscribed: "No such person in this office."

Sir Atholl expressed the hope that the Immigration Department would investigate the matter and find out why the letter was delayed in transit and who the authorised person was who opened it.

The first witness called was Mr. E. W. Pudney, the Accountant-General, who proceeded to give evidence on the regulations covering the sending of money to the Treasury.

SON OF LORD CAMROSE NOW M.P.

Captain Sir Seymour Berry, 31-years-old son and heir of Lord Camrose, was returned unopposed as National Conservative M.P. for Hitchin (Herts) yesterday in a by-election caused by the death on active service of Sir Arnold Wilson.—British Wireless.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICE INQUIRY

Treasury Expert Spends Morning Giving Evidence

Alleges "Appalling" Inefficiency In Control of Accounts

"APPALLING INEFFICIENCY" IN THE CONTROL OF ACCOUNTS WAS AMONG THE CRITICISMS LEVELLED AT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BY MR. E. W. PUDNEY, ACCOUNTANT - GENERAL, WHO WAS PRINCIPAL WITNESS TO-DAY AT THE OPENING OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

Mr. Pudney said that the difficulties met with in the management of the Department were the same that would be met with in the inauguration of any new department and with a little more foresight would have disappeared.

They were aggravated, he said, by the failure of the Immigration Officer to take advantage of the financial staff at his disposal. The staff engaged for senior posts, also, seemed to him to be unsuitable.

When Mr. A. J. G. Taylor was transferred to organise a proper system of records, said Mr. Pudney, he was hampered by the need of keeping up with the ordinary day to day work and by the almost complete absence of collated record of earlier transactions of the Department.

The Immigration Officer was making payments out of cash received, contrary to Colonial Regulations. In the register of permits, the names of persons to whom these had been issued were not always entered.

Sir Atholl MacGregor presided, the other members of the Commission being Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. D. Drummond, Mr. H. K. Woo, with Mr. K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer was present, as well as Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

Mr. Pudney's Evidence

In the course of his evidence, Mr. E. W. Pudney, the Accountant-General, stated:

"The proper control of immigration into the Colony is dependent on the issue to approved persons, and approved persons only, of the necessary permits. It is, therefore, essential to see that permits do not fall into unauthorised hands. This can only be done by a proper system of records, controlling the receipt of blank forms, their issue for completion, and their final handing over to the approved applicant in return for the prescribed fee. This is quite simple accounting of immigration control."

Witness continued that when the organisation of the Immigration Office was under discussion, witness was never consulted.

"It was not until the morning of March 8, 1941, that I so much as saw a copy of the report (Report of Mr. Middlebrook, Singapore, Immigration Expert) and its proposals for the organisation of the Department.

Such a brief perusal as I have been able to make in the past few days reveals that the question of the organisation of these fundamentally essential records is not so much as mentioned in the report. In fact the only reference which might in any way be construed as being directed towards accounts is in pages 30 and 31, where it is stated that "The Head Office will be responsible for . . . (7) Financial arrangements of the Department."

Department Finances

Mr. Pudney added that Colonial Regulations, framed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and incorporated in the General Order of the Hong Kong Civil Service, lay down certain basic principles regarding colonial finances and accounts. These principles are sufficiently wide to allow of details being made to conform to departmental organisation, provided that adequate safeguards against irregularities are provided.

Witness explained briefly these principles, after which he continued:

"Towards the end of October—that is to say more than two months after the report of Mr. Middlebrook—the question of the accounts for the proposed new department was raised verbally and on October 31, suggestions were made, and a form of departmental cash book devised.

"This cash book was not adopted, I discovered later, nor was any other form of general departmental cash book instituted.

Imprest

"It is significant too, that although it was admitted that deposits would have to be refund-

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FALL OF TEPELINI NEAR

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Pivotal Tepelini, key to the "Italian Hindenburg Line," is reported to be on the verge of capture by the Greeks.

Several additional surrounding mountain positions were taken yesterday, the fourth day of the war's biggest battle.

It is believed the Greek High Command will make a supreme effort to shatter the Italian defences before German troops can push to Salonika.

Capture of Tepelini would force a general Italian retreat north to a line between Durazzo and Elbasan, and release thousands of Greek troops for east Macedonia.—International News Service.

SWIFT ACTION CERTAIN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

President Roosevelt yesterday summoned congressional, military, naval and financial leaders for a conference in Washington to-day, to fix the necessary amount to launch the aid for Britain programme, as Congress put the finishing touches on the Lease and Lend Bill.

Final action will come when the House of Representatives unanimously consents to an agreement vote on Senate amendments after a two-hour debate.

Administration members tentatively estimate that the President will request an initial outlay of three billion dollars.

They say Britain has already submitted an emergency list of articles wanted immediately, as well as a programme of $1,400,000,000 for new war materials.—International News Service.

BRITISH ATTACK IMMINENT?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

That drastic British action is possible is indicated by the order to British subjects to leave Budapest and Belgrade.

With Mr. Rendel's departure from Sofia, it is believed in some quarters that the long-awaited R.A.F. attack on German troop concentrations in Bulgaria and Rumania may be expected shortly.—International News Service.

BELGRADE ALLEGES NAZI OFFER TO GREECE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Telegraph" reports Belgrade radio as saying that the German Minister in Athens has handed Dr. Korizis, the Greek Premier, "some proposals."

These are reported to be a suggestion for an armistice and the Greek surrender of bases including Salonika. — International News Service.

RUSSO-GERMAN TENSION?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Belgrade correspondent of the London "Daily Mirror" in a report yesterday stated that the Russo/German relations were not happy.

This is suggested by the fact that Germany has 350,000 troops concentrated on the Rumanian border of Bessarabia which contrasts strongly with 150,000 in Bulgaria and 250,000 troops on the Yugoslavian border.

The report further adds that Russia's reply to this "threat" has been to concentrate 1,200,000 troops stretching from Chernautsi to Odessa.

In divided Poland, says the Belgrade despatch, two other big armies are facing each other.—International News Service.

STRANGE ITALIAN ALLEGATION

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Italian Newspaper "Messagero" stated that the Yugoslavian authorities have denied transit to the represetnatives of Belgium, Poland and Holland who left Sofia on Sunday and were proceeding to Greece.—International News Service.

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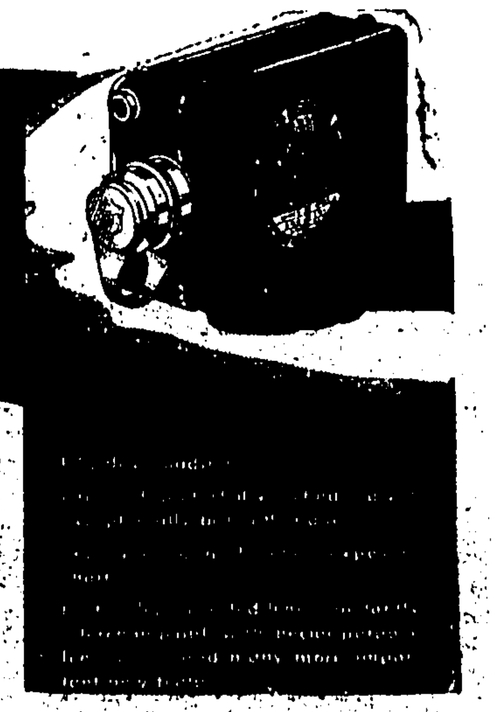

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CRUISER DETAINS FRENCH SHIP

Acrimony Shown In Statement By Havas Agency

Blockade Activity Creates Dispute

THE ALLEGED SEIZURE OF A FRENCH CARGO-SHIP CALLED VILLE DE MAJUNGA BY A BRITISH CRUISER WAS ANNOUNCED IN VICHY YESTERDAY.

This has led the French news agency to declare that the remark about the defence of the French Empire, made in the communique issued after Sunday night's meeting between General Weygand, Admiral Darlan and other Ministers, also applied to communications between metropolitan France and the Empire.

The original communique stated that the defence of the Empire would "be energetically assured by the French forces alone against all aggressors."

IN THIS CONNECTION THE HAVAS AGENCY RECALLED THAT ADMIRAL DARLAN HAS REPEATEDLY DECLARED HE WOULD NOT ALLOW FRENCH SHIPS TO BE SEIZED OR FRENCH PEOPLE DIE OF HUNGER.

If our protest should be in vain, the French news agency further reports Admiral Darlan as saying, "and if Britain continues to hold up and seize our cargo-ships, it would be necessary, in order to put an end to this, to have our ships escorted by warships."

French Protest

The French Government is understood to have protested to the South African Government against the alleged stopping, south of Capetown, by a British cruiser of the French cargo-ship Ville de Majunga.

This was reported by the French news agency last night.

The protest is stated to say that such actions, far from the theatre of operations, are unjustified and can have no effect on the result of the war.

The French ship was on the way from Dakar to Madagascar. She is stated to be the fourteenth ship seized by the British Navy since the beginning of the year, and the 108th since the Armistice. — Reuter.

United States May Intercede

It is regarded in Washington as likely that the United States will intercede in the blockade dispute between Britain and the Vichy Government, which is evidently viewed gravely in Washington.

How far the United States Government is prepared to go in seeking concessions from Britain is a matter for conjecture.

President Roosevelt himself, it is recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to the despatch of milk, clothing and medicines to unoccupied France. — Reuter.

BRITISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON DISPUTE

ADMIRAL DARLAN'S statement in Vichy yesterday that French warships would escort French cargo-ships if the British continued their interference, was commented upon by a spokesman of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare.

He told Reuter's diplomatic correspondent: "Admiral Darlan stated he was still hopeful of an understanding with Britain over this matter.

"We in this country have hoped and continue to hope that France will show understanding for our blockade policy.

"If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government will always be prepared to consider them, but so far no proposals have been put forward.

"It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic cooperation with Germany.

Britain's Job

"Admiral Darlan may be responsible for feeding 40,000,000 people in France. Britain, however, is fighting to free not 40,000,000 people in France, but many times that number of enslaved people of Europe, including those same 40,000,000 Frenchmen.

"The Germans may have released two million quintals of wheat for France but this scarcely reflects any generosity since they are only returning a fraction of the wheat they have looted in France in the last 10 months."—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV PACT WITH AXIS

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, is expected to leave Belgrade for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugoslavia and the Axis powers.

SOME REPORTS SAY HE HAS ALREADY LEFT, AND THE PACT MAY BE SIGNED THIS EVENING.

Meanwhile, Yugoslavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

The Bulgarian newspapers daily are becoming more openly revisionist in tone.

General Zhekoff, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students in Sofia yesterday: "We live in stirring times, after which will come realisation of our national ideals."

His statement, and Bulgarian press revisionist claims, were widely published in the Yugoslavian press.—Reuter.

AIR ATTACKS ON MALTA

Three enemy formations attacked Malta from different sides yesterday afternoon, according to an official communique.

A formation of bombers came over the island's south coast but did not release any bombs.

Simultaneously, however, several Messerschmidt 110's attacked and machine-gunned an aeroplane base.

This followed two alarms in the morning, when the enemy approached Malta presumably on reconnaissance.

Following the midday raid the enemy approached the coast in the afternoon but was turned away without attacking.

There have now been over 400 raids on Malta. — Reuter.

COUPONS FOR BEER IS THE NEW IDEA

If a suggestion made by Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Hewart is put into effect

Beer will be rationed like petrol;

Englishmen will have to produce coupons, or permit cards — obtained from the Post Office — before they can get their pint.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hewart was presiding at the annual meeting of the Public House Trust in Glasgow.

His suggestion covered not only beer, but all intoxicating liquor.

"The supply should be restricted," he said, "to a fixed maximum quantity a day or a week, or for sale at one time."

U.S. WARNED OF AXIS ALLIANCE

"THE INTEGRAL COMING INTO PLAY OF THE TRIPARTITE PACT" IS PREDICTED IN ROME AS A RESULT OF THE PASSING OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL, WHICH IS DESCRIBED IN THE ITALIAN PRESS AS A "COLOSSAL MYSTIFICATION" AND A "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE HAGUE CONVENTION."

"Giornale d'Italia" remarks it appears less than likely that war material shipped from America will arrive in Europe in view of the intensification of the Axis counter-blockade. — Reuter.

THREAT TO SINK U.S. SHIPS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Nazi authoritative quarters announce that any American ships carrying goods under the Lease and Lend Bill will be sunk the moment those ships pass into the blockade area.

The line embraces all waters around the British Isles.

It is further stated that the German blockade will be shortly intensified by increases in the number of submarines, torpedo-boats, and 'planes.—International News Service.

CURRIE IN 'FRISCO

MR. LAUCHLIN CURRIE, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S EMISSARY TO CHINA, ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Mr. Currie declined to comment on his trip, saying "I am saving my impressions for the President."

He indicated, however, that most of his time in Chungking was devoted to economic studies. —Reuter.

ESTATE OF DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Further grants of probate in respect of settled lands of a total valu eof £335,600 have been issued in the estate of the ninth Duke of Northumberland.

The Duke, who was 27, was a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards and died on active service last May. He left unsettled property already valued at £1,446,489, making a total of £1,802,089 passing by his death. — British Wireless.

CARGO REACHES MARSEILLES

The arrival at Marseilles of the United States steamer Cold Harbour, carrying a cargo of food and other necessities for French children and invalids, was announced yesterday by Admiral William Leahy, U.S. Ambassador in Vichy.

Admiral Leahy added that another steamer—the Exmouth—with a similar cargo, was expected in three weeks.—Reuter.

HEINKEL RUNS INTO TROUBLE

An Admiralty communique states: "A Heinkel 111 was hotly engaged and almost certainly destroyed on Saturday by H. M. trawler Nadine.

Visibility was poor and the Heinkel was not actually seen to crash but was last seen on fire and diving out of control towards the sea.

No casualties were sustained by Nadine."—British Wireless.

ADMIRAL ABRIAL IN VICHY

ADMIRAL ABRIAL, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF ALGERIA, ARRIVED IN VICHY YESTERDAY AND WAS IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED BY MARSHAL PETAIN.

The visit follows that of General Weygand, who is expected to return to his post shortly.

Admiral Abrial commanded French warships which assisted in the embarkation at Dunkirk last summer.—Reuter.

EVACUATED MOTHER CAME BACK: KILLED

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health, broadcasting appealed to evacuated mothers not to return to London with their children.

He told of a mother who left London with her three children for the country. She grew impatient and returned. On the day she brought the children back they were all killed by a bomb.

Mr. MacDonald said that despite "misfits and mistakes" the people of the reception areas were playing their part with unselfishness. In one civil defence region 200 large houses had been lent by owners or were requisitioned.

They were already occupied as hostels for large families, residential nurseries for infants, sick bays or maternity homes.

ANTONESCU ALARMED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A report from Budapest states that the Rumanian Government is panicky over reports that ex-King Carol and Madame Lupescu intend to leave Lisbon for the United States where the ex-King will make a lecture tour.

It is stated that the Antonescu Government fears that ex-King Carol may disclose political secrets of great national importance "which may cause friction in Europe."

General Antonescu, the report adds, has cabled the Rumanian Minister in Washington to exert his utmost efforts in order to prevent such lectures.—International News Service.

BRITISH ARMY TALKS TO NAZIS

The first broadcast in German from London by a British soldier to German soldiers was preceded by the playing of the march of the British Grenadiers.

Having thus got the Germans into a receptive mood the British spokesman said:

"We shall give you facts, and not propaganda rubbish, such as that the English Channel at one point is only three miles wide, and that it is easy to cross by pontoon."

Another British soldier told the Germans that Marshal von Blomberg, Hitler's former war chief, was imprisoned in Landsberg fortress. The speaker added:

"Blomberg has been imprisoned because, in his opinion, Germany was not yet ready for war."

Chancellor Preparing Biggest Budget In History

Heavier Imports For Taxpayer

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

PASSAGE OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE BRITISH BUDGET, WHICH THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER IS NOW PREPARING, BUT WILL NOT AVERT STILL HEAVIER IMPOSTS FOR THE BRITISH TAXPAYER.

Sir Kingsley Wood will present next month the largest Budget in history but it will not cover expenditure on American war materials which will go into a separate account and be kept secret until the end of the war.

Already the Chancellor and experts are seeking fresh ways of raising revenue.

There may be some increase in direct taxation although this form of taxation has almost reached saturation point.

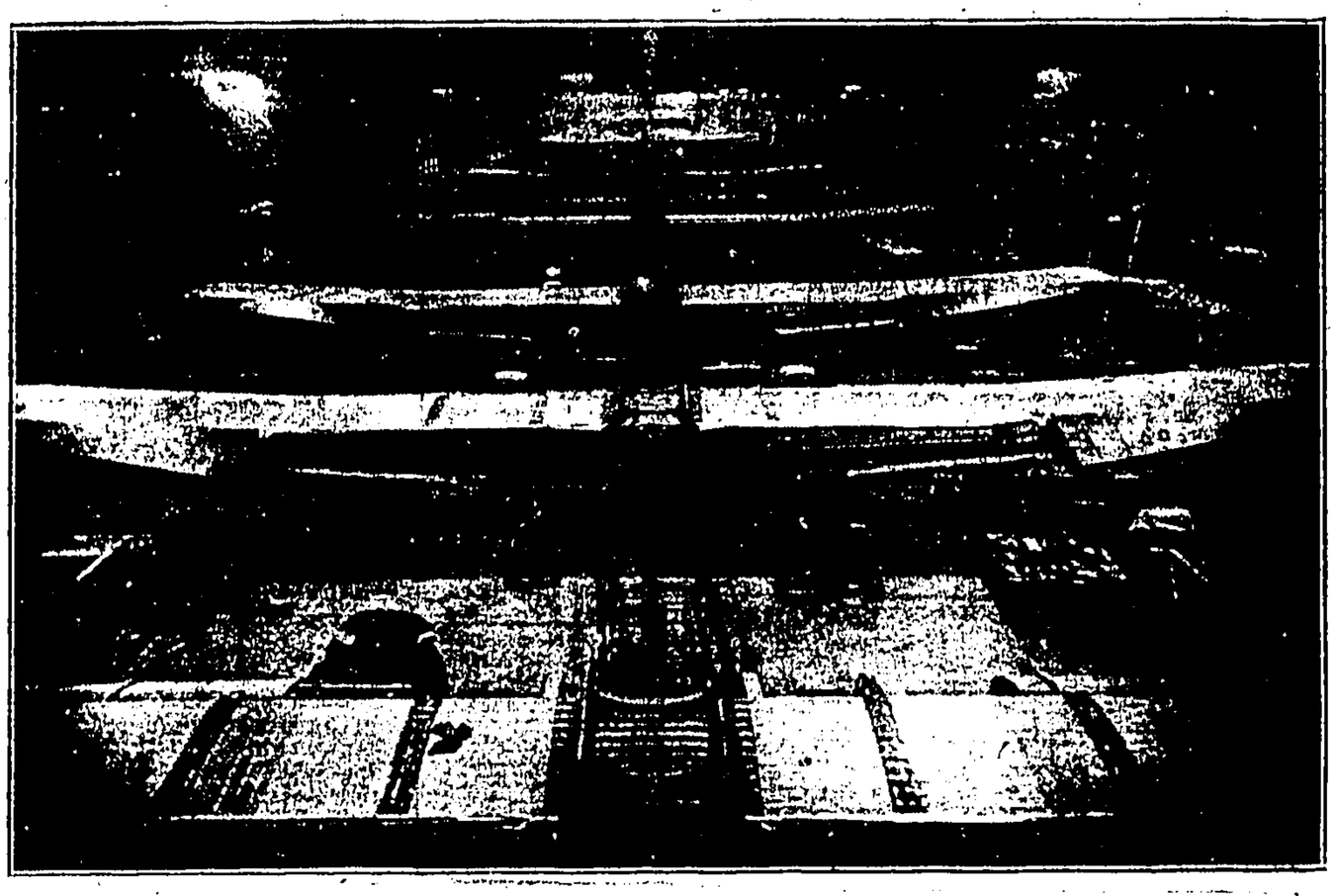
It is believed officials are turning toward expedients like a tax on services, namely an impost on railway fares, meals in restaurants and the like.

The Budget speech will be preluded by a candid statement on the national income designed to give a picture of the nation's real financial strength.

National Income

It was recently estimated that the British national income this year of £8,000,000,000 would expand further next year.

Allied with the question is that of inflation. Government are keeping a watchful eye on that aspect and have emphasised they will not hesitate to impose the necessary checks if any inflationary tendency becomes apparent.—Reuter.



Workers in Britain's factories are working day and night in the production of bombers. Here is a scene at a bomber factory in Northern England. The Spar Shop where wings 90ft. long are made (Copyright, Fox).

POLICY OF DISPERSAL THE BEST

Only three per cent. of London's population use public air raid shelters.

This was revealed by the Minister of Health at a conference at Cardiff on problems arising out of air raids.

"I deduce from that," said Mr. Ernest Brown, "that the ordinary man and woman realise that a policy of dispersal is best. They prefer to stand the strain in their own homes."

Mr. Brown paid a tribute to the courage of the people of Britain.

"Hitler's weapon," he said, "will break in his hand. Our people will continue to stand up to attacks magnificently."

Mr. Brown went on to say that the health of the people, judged on normal tests, had stood up to this period with most gratifying strength.

The worst fears of those socially concerned with health have happily not been realised even under conditions very grim indeed.—British Wireless.

CANADA'S ENVOY IN DUBLIN PASSES

Mr. J. H. Kelly, Canadian High Commissioner in Dublin, died yesterday.

He was born at St. Godfrey, Bonaventure county, Quebec Province, in 1879 and was of Irish descent.—British Wireless.

DRAMATIC STEPS BY ROOSEVELT PREDICTED

THERE IS SOME REASON to believe that President Roosevelt will announce the transfer of another batch of destroyers to Britain shortly after signing the Lease and Lend Bill, it was declared in Washington yesterday.

This measure, it is thought, will be one of a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed in Washington that now the Bill has passed, many legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill, on the theory that if the country wants the Bill it should not be half-hearted about it but should really render all aid short of war.

Approval was given by the Senate to the establishment of air bases on sites acquired from Britain when it passed yesterday a $245,229,000 authorisation for naval and public works.

This action has the effect of Congressional ratification of the "destroyers for bases" deal.

The Senate Naval Committee reported that a total of $58,025,000 represented the amount necessary to complete the establishment of bases on sites acquired from Britain.

Territorial Transfers

The Senate later unanimously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognise the transfer of any region in the western hemisphere from one non-American power to another.

It provides that if such a transfer appears likely, "the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult the other American Republics to determine upon steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests."

The House of Representatives yesterday unanimously agreed on procedure by which, after a two-hours debate on the Lease and Lend Bill to-day, a further vote will be taken on a proposal to agree to all Senate amendments to the Bill.

Senate Roll Call

Senator Vandenberg (Republican) told reporters yesterday that in two roll calls, 89 out of 95 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain, either for the Lease and Lend Bill or Senator Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of $2,000,000,000.

This, he said, showed "a far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll-call might disclose."—Reuter.

DUKE OF AOSTA FLIES TO ERITREA

The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, flew to Eritrea yesterday, visiting the capital of Asmara and the Red Sea port of Assawa, states Rome radio.

Later he returned to his headquarters. —Reuter.

SON OF LORD CAMROSE NOW M.P.

Captain Sir Seymour Berry, 31-years-old son and heir of Lord Camrose, was returned unopposed as National Conservative M.P. for Hitchin (Herts) yesterday in a by-election caused by the death on active service of Sir Arnold Wilson.—British Wireless.

NEW YORK BUS STRIKE

NEARLY 1,000,000 WORKERS LIVING IN THE NEW YORK BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND QUEEN'S HAD TO FIND OTHER MEANS OF GETTING TO WORK YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN 3,500 EMPLOYEES OF BUS COMPANIES IN THOSE BOROUGHS STRUCK.

The strikers are asking for a 25 per cent. increase in wages and better working conditions.

THE ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

THE BRITISH ADVANCE INTO ABYSSINIA CONTINUES.

Announcing this, a communique issued in Nairobi yesterday states that British troops have occupied Gabre-Darre, an important road junction 140 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier and operations are proceeding according to plan.—Reuter.

Buses of companies affected in recent years have replaced most of the tram services. — Reuter.

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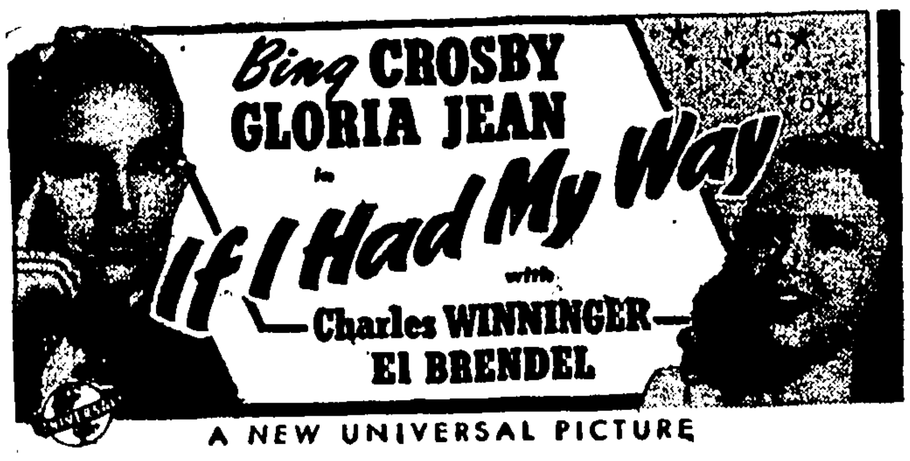

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MEDITERRANEAN AIR MASTERY BATTLE IN OFFING

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE R.A.F. CONTINUES to grow more powerful in the Middle East and the Balkans as the Italian menace dwindles and the German air threat looms larger.

It can be assumed that the R.A.F. is in a position to give a good account of itself should the Luftwaffe extend its field of activity independently or as a curtain for the German army.

The initiative should not even rest with the German air force.

Soon the weather will undergo a marked change for the better in south-east Europe and for the worse in Africa, making more extensive operations possible in the former and very difficult in Africa.

Hitler, stepping into the breach to save Italy from collapse, to safeguard his back door and prepare another platform for an attack against British interests, is estimated to have assembled about 1,000 'planes for operations on both sides of the Mediterranean.

Luftwaffe Bases

From Rumania the Luftwaffe has spread to Bulgaria and is establishing bases near the Greek frontier, and also, significantly enough, near the Black Sea, across which Germany receives oil supplies from Russia.

Its other main bases are in Italy and Sicily. Libya and the Dodecanese both have quotas as yet small of German aircraft.

It is clear, however, that the Germans are fully alive to the danger of the next British air strokes, wherever they may be delivered.

Reminders to the German public to take cover are, for one thing, becoming constant.—Reuter.

NORWEGIANS SHOOT DOWN BOMBER

WHEN A NORWEGIAN MERCHANT SHIP WAS ATTACKED WITH MACHINE-GUNS AND BOMBS BY A TWIN-ENGINED GERMAN AIRCRAFT, A PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE REPLY WAS MADE FROM DEFENSIVE ARMAMENT.

The aircraft flew on about 200 yards and then dived steeply, exploding and bursting into flames as it hit the water.

When the ship reached the spot where the aircraft had crashed there was nothing to be seen but a patch of oil on the water.

The ship suffered no damage and the only casualty was one slightly wounded by a machine-gun bullet.—British Wireless.

CONSPIRACY CASE

Sentences ranging from two months' to six months' hard labour were imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning on five Chinese who were yesterday convicted on a charge of conspiracy to rob.

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Canada's War Budget

Canada's actual war expenditure is now at the rate of about a thousand million dollars a year (about £230,000,000).

Together with other expenses, including repatriation operations on Canadian securities held in Britain, total expenditure amounts to about 1,700,000,000 dollars a year.

Of this sum rather less than half will be forthcoming from the Dominion Government's revenues and the remainder raised on loan, states the Dominions Office.

Diversion of Canada's peacetime industry to war production, meanwhile, proceeds apace.

Altogether 200,000 additional men and women will be required during the 1941 for Canada's war industries.

Contracts awarded by the Department of Munitions and Supply in a single week recently numbered 1,776 and had a total value of over 8,000,000 dollars. — British Wireless.

"ITALY RESTIVE" REPORT

Anti-Fascist underground organisations in Italy are busy distributing leaflets calling on the population "to be ready for the time when it comes," according to a broadcast in Bulgarian on the Ankara radio.

News from Italy, said the radio, indicated real and growing unrest among the Italian population.

2,000 Churches Bombed

Virtually 2,000 churches in London and the provinces have been destroyed or damaged by German bombers on the quest for "military" objectives.

Actual number, as given by the Vatican radio, is 1,986, and comprises:

Destroyed in London — 14 Roman Catholic, 120 Anglican, 125 Free Church.

Damage in London — 13 Roman Catholic, 150 Anglican, 350 Free Church.

Destroyed or heavily damaged in the provinces — 20 Roman Catholic, 100 Anglican, 150 Free Church.

Churches more lightly damaged — 30 Roman Catholic, 300 Anglican, 514 Free Church.

In addition, 45 Roman Catholic monasteries and convents were destroyed. — British Wireless.

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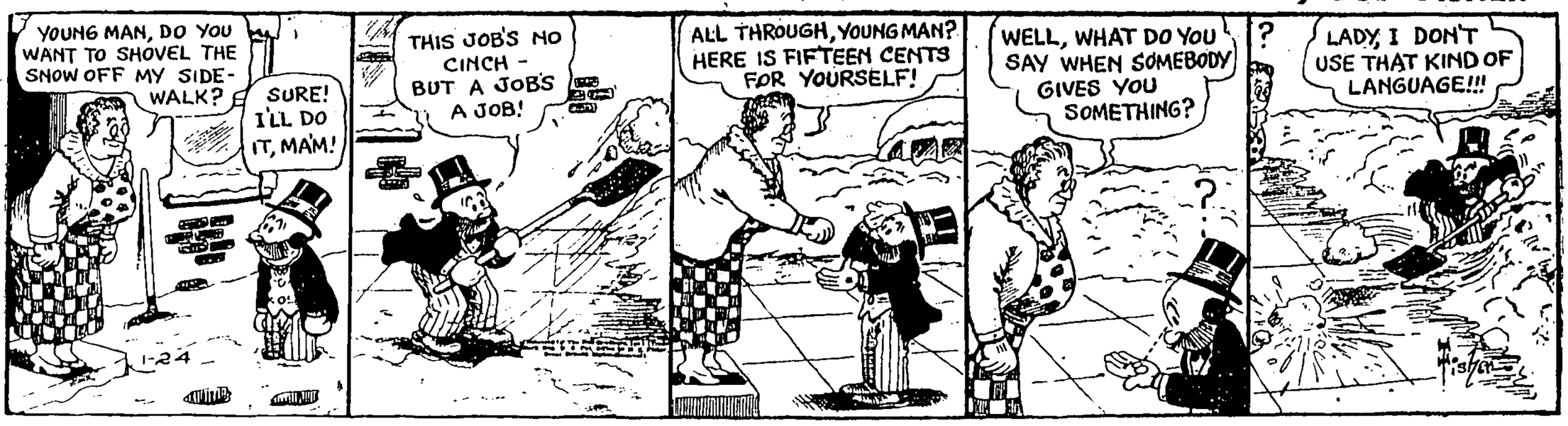

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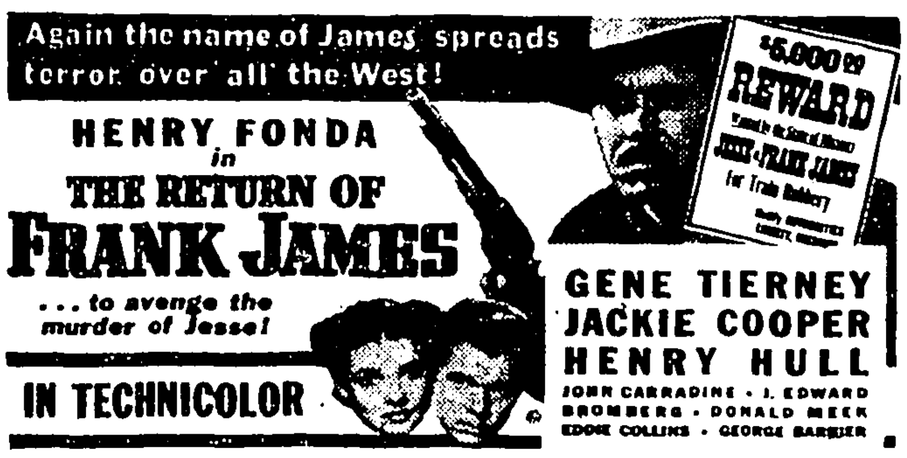

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CRUISER SUNK IN ESCORT

The Admiralty communique announcing the torpedoing of an Italian cruiser, says the cruiser was escorted by two destroyers.

She was seen to be hit and for two hours afterwards destroyers were seen to be alternately circling round and stopping, evidently picking up survivors.

The Italian Condottieri "A" class cruisers are ships of 5,069 tons, mounting eight 6-inch guns.

The class orginally consisted of four ships. One—the Bartolomeo Colleoni—was sunk by H.M.A.S. Sydney and destroyers on July 19, 1940.—British Wireless.

WORK OF THE SOUTHAFRICAN AIR FORCE

An official air communique in Nairobi states: "The South African Air Force has cooperated with the Navy frequently during the ceaseless watch on the coast of Italian Somaliland and in bombardments of Modun and a camp near Brava preceding the occupation of Mogadiscio.

Much destruction followed the work of the S.A.A.F. at Modun.

Two CR42's attacked a South African aircraft but one was forced to land by the fire of the rear gunner after being hit repeatedly.

At Brava, spotting by the S.A.A.F. was very accurate and salvos of shells from ships of the Royal Navy could be seen falling among the tents of the Italians, who ran into the bush terrified by the sudden attack from the sea.—British Wireless.

H.K. REMITTANCE FOR SEAMEN

A sum of £750 has been remitted by the B.W.O.F., Hong Kong Branch, to the Royal Alfred Institution for the relief of distress amongst members of the British Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets and their dependants.

A similar sum has been remitted to the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation. This makes a total of £30,965.2.2 remitted home by the British War Organisation Fund since its inception.

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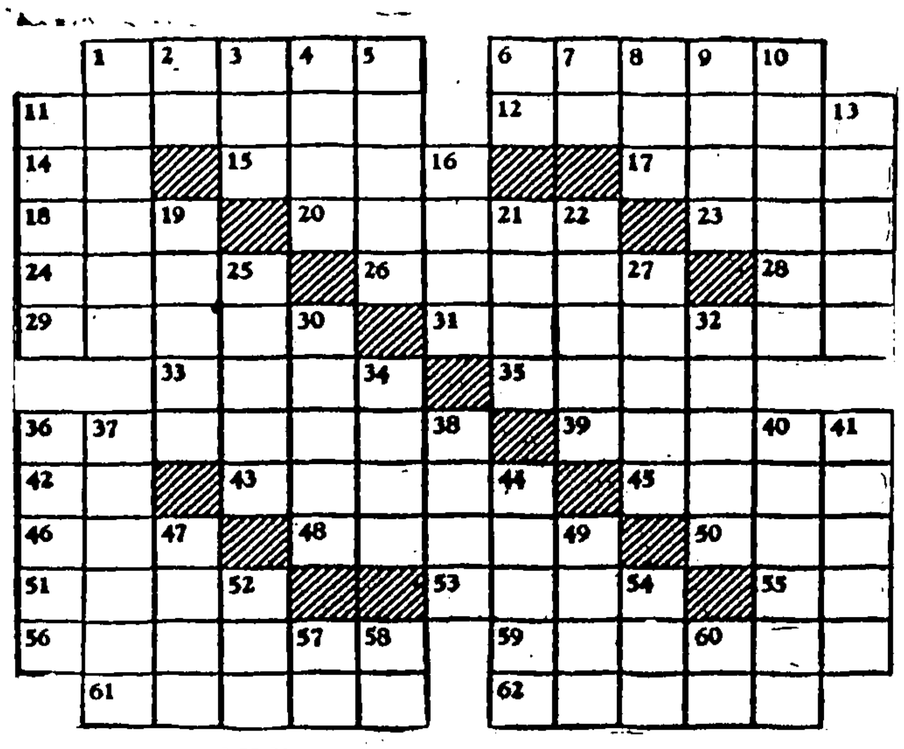

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Albania Offensive Furiously Pressed

THE FOURTH DAY OF THE BIG GREEK OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ITALIAN CENTRE IN ALBANIA CONTINUED YESTERDAY WITH UNABATED FURY.

The Greek troops, states Athens radio, are pushing on with the utmost determination.

Two mountain ranges where the attack was launched have now been almost completely cleared of Italian forces.

The Italians, who have been driven from a network of machine-gun posts cunningly concealed in deep cavities in the rocks, are stated to be suffering very heavy casualties, with whole detachments being wiped out.

One of the principal units defending the approaches to Tepelini, key-town to Valona harbour, endured particularly severe losses.

Nearly all effectives of the 7th Black Shirt battalion were also killed.

A few prisoners were taken, including Major Pelligrini, a member of the Fascist Grand Council.

Another battalion to meet with disaster was commanded by the Italian Education Minister, Bottai, who may have been killed.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MUSSOLINI TO BOTTAI WAS FOUND ON THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY OF A MAJOR, BEGGING BOTTAI TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO STOP THE GREEK ADVANCE — "OTHERWISE," SAID MUSSOLINI, "FASCISM WOULD DIE WITH A STAIN UPON IT.

"Fascist Italy bases her last hope on your defence. Save her." — Reuter.

ITALIAN CRUISER TORPEDOED

An Italian cruiser of the Condotteiria class has been torpedoed and also certainly sunk by a British submarine, says an Admiralty communique quoted by Reuter.

TRIPOLI HARBOUR BOMBED

Tripoli harbour was again attacked during Saturday night and bombs dropped on Italian aerodromes in Tripolitania, states yesterday's R.A.F. Cairo communique.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodromes of Diredawa, despite attempted interception by Italian fighters.

A DIRECT HIT WAS ALSO OBTAINED ON A TRAIN APPROACHING THE TOWN AND ANOTHER ON THE STATION AT ADDA-GALLA.

In the Keren area, troop positions were bombed and machine-gunned; while other bombers were harassing the Italian column retreating from Burye and bombed a village near Debra Marcos.—Reuter.

FIGHTER COMMAND OFFENSIVE

Three offensive sweeps were made by aircraft of the Fighter Command over the Channel and occupied France yesterday afternoon, says an Air Ministry communique.

Considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered and one British fighter is missing.

There was no opposition by enemy aircraft, the communique adds.

There was a brief alert in London last night but no air raid incidents were reported.

Enemy air activity during daylight yesterday was mainly over the Channel and south-eastern England.

Little damage and no casualties were reported, says an Air Ministry communique.—Reuter.

AMMUNITION FOUND ON FERRY

An unclaimed revolver and ammunition was found on the ferry launch "Man Kung" yesterday afternoon.

An application for confiscation was granted to Detective Sergeant Willison by Major A. N. Macfayden at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The ammunition consisted of 38 rounds of .36 and 102 rounds of .22 calibre cartridges contained in a sack.

PLAYING THE LION

A large lion's head, made of cloth and colourfully painted, with a tail about 10 feet long, was exhibited before Mr. H. C. Machamara at Kowloon this morning, when Ng Pun-chiu, 21, and Ip Shiu-yin, 24, were charged with "playing the lion" without permission from the S.C.A.

Accused were each fined $25.

Accused were seen "playing the lion" before a crowd assembled in Temple Street yesterday.

WOMAN ACCUSED

A WELL-DRESSED CHINESE WOMAN WENT INTO A JEWELLERY SHOP AT NO. 226, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL YESTERDAY, AND ASKED A FOKI TO SHOW HER SOME JADE AND DIAMOND EARRINGS.

The police were later informed that while the foki was attending another customer, the woman left the shop with a pair of gold earrings, set with diamonds and jade, valued at $700.

Later in the afternoon, the Police detained a woman, and before Major A. N. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy this morning, Chan Foon, 38, widow, was charged with stealing the earrings, and was remanded for 72 hours for further enquiries.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, senior, is appearing for accused.

ALFONSO TO BE BURIED IN ESCORIAL

The body of ex-King Alfonso of Spain was taken yesterday morning across the French frontier into Spain, states a telegram to the official German news agency.

The body will be laid at rest in the royal vault at the Escorial in the next few days.—Reuter.

THE ANTI-CHOLERA REGULATIONS

Ten stall holders in the Yaumati Market were fined $5 each by Mr. H. C. Machamara at Kowloon this morning for a breach of anti-cholera regulations.

They failed to wash dishes, chop-sticks and bowls with boiling water, before and after use by customers.

MANAGER PROSECUTED

Additional charges of stealing $6,519.58 from the Fook Cheong Wo Firm on February 27, and of unlawful possession of forged banknotes were preferred against Tong Tak-wah, 42, before Major A. N. Macfayden at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Accused was originally charged with larceny of $4,000 from the firm.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, jnr., instructed by Messrs. Ts'o and Hodgson, is appearing for the defence; while Mr. M. A. da Silva is for the prosecution.

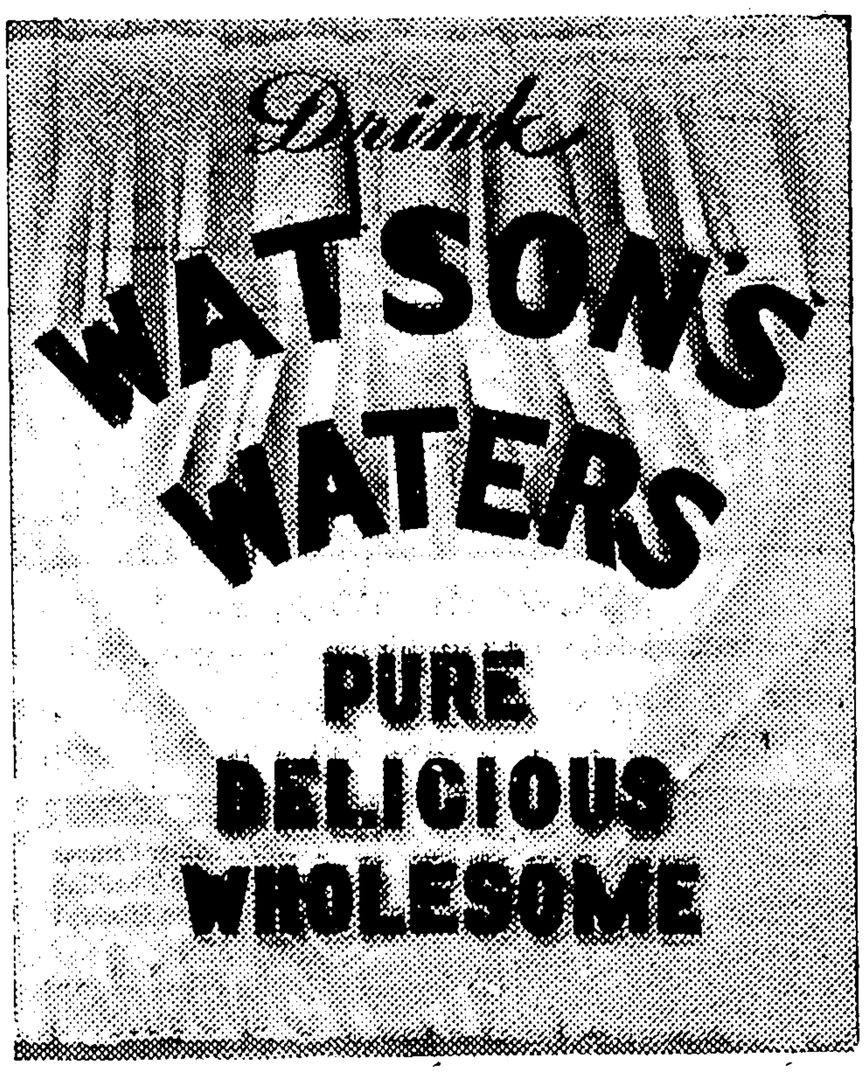
Hearing was fixed for March 27, at 2.30 p.m. Defendant was allowed bail of $2,000.

WIDE RESPONSE TO BEVIN CALL

THE LONDON EVENING NEWSPAPERS REPORT A WIDE RESPONSE TO THE CALL FROM MR. BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR, FOR WOMEN TO MAKE MUNITIONS.

Women of all ages have applied at employment exchanges or by letter or telephone. Some were married with families. Some had jobs they were willing to give up for war work.

Biggest response appears to have been in districts outside London. This occasions no surprise since London women have come forward so well in reply to former appeals.—British Wireless.



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OFFENSIVE ON ALL FRONTS

The threat that the expected Spring offensive may be an offensive on all fronts begins to take the shape of reality. The possibility that all the aggressors might strike at once and together, not in concert but in collusion, each out to rake in his own plunder in a general orgy of plunder, has long loomed as the logical finale to the desperate gamble for world dominion in which they are now so deeply involved. The dictators have gone too far to retreat. They mistrust one another too much to act separately. The failure of the Italian attack in the Mediterranean, designed to be a key move in the grand manoeuvre, is a grim reminder that they rise and fall together, and a spur to the developments now taking place as they race to beat the assembly line in the American arsenal.

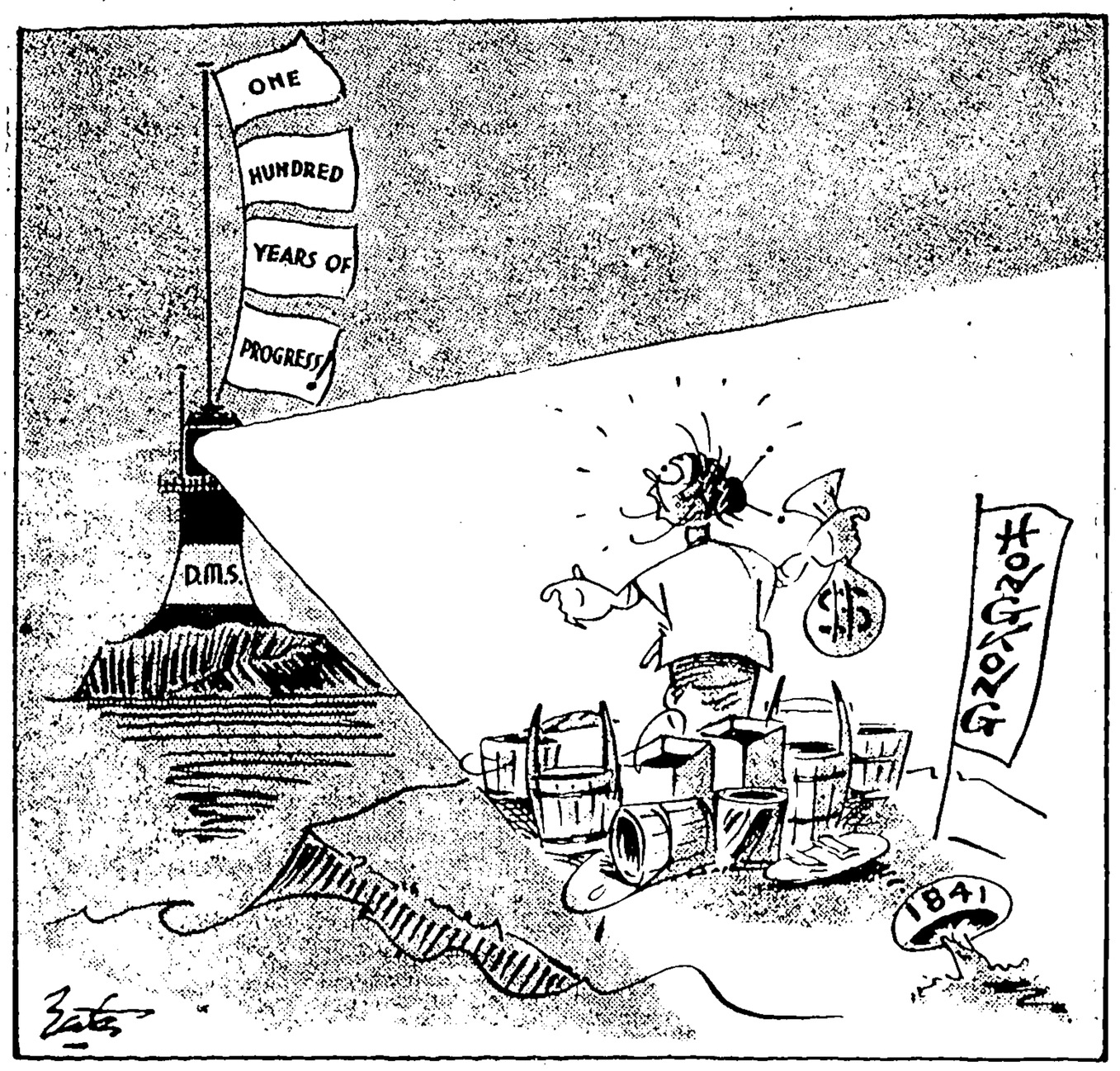
Having "arbitrated" to her own advantage the dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China, Japan is apparently casting her shadow on Singapore.

Suggestion is that the same military oligarchy that drove the Japanese into the quagmire of China is attempting to retrieve that costly failure by conquests in East Asia before the British fleet is able to divert part of its strength from the Mediterranean. Also, no doubt, it gambles on American commitments of aid to Britain to insure quiescence in the Pacific. But this has been from the beginning a war of miscalculations.

The crisis in the Orient is intended to synchronise with the mounting tension in Europe. Yugoslavia is expected to end resistance to joining the Axis. The fate of Bulgaria is sealed. Apparently deserted by Russia another "reluctant" little neutral is to be either passageway for Hitler's war or itself a battleground.

Either a many-pronged attack is planned in the Balkans, the Mediterranean and the China Sea, accompanied by an intense campaign to cut off American supplies to Britain, or the world is being misled by more false alarms. Such alarms may be the climax to the strategy of terror, but the very necessities of the dictators make it unlikely.

IN THE LIMELIGHT



THE MERRY WIDOW

We need modern Machine

By Major Hamish Wilson

The spirit in which the common people of Britain have withstood the strain and danger of ruthless aerial attack has aroused the admiration of the world. Such civilian courage merits, in return, the highest possible efficency in the armed forces.

Much is now said of the "cultivation of the offensive spirit." But is the Army really preparing for the Spring in an enlightened manner?

Britain undoubtedly has the raw materials and the scientists and skilled workmen.

Britain produced the one outstanding invention among the weapons of land-warfare in 1914-1918 — the tank.

Britain first organised a mechanised force and began to experiment with its use in the field.

Britain realised first the effectiveness of supporting such mechanised units by low-flying aircraft.

Yet it was left to the German mechanised divisions, with their attendant dive-bombers, to win the Battle of France. The British technical initiative in such matters was shelved by old-fashioned minds in high military quarters. We, together with our French Allies, have paid a heavy price for such folly.

To prepare an army for a successful war in an Age of Petrol requires the use of ideas and technical skill of men who have grown up in such an Age.

The "Boer War" mentality of many senior officers handicapped us in the early years of the last war. We have already been adversely affected in this war by the "1914-1918" outlook of many senior officers in the War Office and in the regimental commands. The control of the vigorous, imaginative ideas of the younger men by the outworn, set ideas of men who are senior by virtue of length of service must be broken.

It is wanton waste to await the test of action before the adjustment of true merit is attempted. A man accustomed to plan in terms of infantry moving at three miles per hour will find the speed of modern mechanised warfare a serious problem.

The solution is bound to be found more easily by men brought up as youth in the modern age, with their more mechanical turn of mind.

A New Partner

A key problem, then, of how best to train our army for an offensive later on is the administrative one of how to give command and fuller scope to men with modern minds.

A vital step in this direction would seem to be the reorganisation of the armoured units into a separate Army of our forces. In such an Armoured Corps it is essential that senior posts should be held only by men with mechanical knowledge, training and experience.

That the specialist nature of the Royal Armoured Corps is at long last being recognised in high places is shown by the recent appointment of Major-General G. Le Q. Martel to its command. Not only is General Martel the gifted inventor of the one-man tank; he is also a man of outstanding strategic ability.

It seems certain that such a man will soon gather around him a really efficient band of senior technical officers. These men should, by their enlightened attitude to modern warfare, at last be able to make a bold bid towards a still higher status for the Royal Armoured Corps.

Moreover, it would be well to simplify the whole organisation of the Corps, and not to continue to cling to the old cavalry groupings. This young formation would rank as the equal of any older-established groups; its senior officers would hold an equivalent ranking and its *independence* would be guaranteed.

The war will be won not by heroism, but by machines intelligently directed; not by masses of infantry, but by the breaking-up of such masses by mechanised units with aerial support.

We Need More Tanks

The number of Armoured Divisions, and the composition of each such division, will be a matter for careful, unprejudiced decision by the High Command.

It is certain that we had too few tanks in comparison with the enemy in France. It is also certain that, to be really effective, our policy must be bold.

At the outset of the war our mobile divisions were too light in fire-power; there was an undue preponderance of light reconnaissance tanks. A much stronger Division would be one consisting of about 100 heavy tanks, 150 medium tanks, and 100 light tanks, together with 10 smoke tanks for purposes of camouflage.

Such a division would comprise 350 armoured units. Its manpower would total about 3,500. Its hitting-power would be tremendous. In support of this armoured force, and attached to it, there must be an Artillery group consisting of one Brigade of 25-pounders, one light howitzer Brigade, and two A.A. batteries.

At least ten such divisions should be created as soon as possible.

The training of such armoured units must, of necessity, be highly complex. The morale of each unit will depend to a more marked degree than ever before upon the real efficiency (as distinct from leadership) of its officers. New ideas must be continually studied, practised and criticised both in attack and defence.

The creation of altogether new ranks for the personnel—to encourage the initiative of crews and to prevent any feeling of being too much merely part of a machine—might be considered.

Better Cooperation

There is yet another problem that should at once be tackled: the vast problem of liaison.

To maintain close cooperation between units in either attack or defence was — even in 1914-1918 —a complicated problem.

To do so to-day is certainly no less difficult. The enemy in France completely upset the British and French liaison system. Units became detached and scarcely knew where they were or where the enemy were either. This must on no account be allowed to happen again.

In the fast-moving warfare of to-day, a matter of essential importance is the proper use of wireless telegraphy. The enemy has shown himself far ahead of us in his grasp of the possibilities of radio in war. This has not been merely in the subtle tricks of propaganda, but also in this very matter of liaison between air, infantry and tank units.

There is no need slavishly to follow his example, but there is great need for improving upon our own employment of so potent a weapon.

Here again is yet another opportunity for the specialist technician. The most careful training of such men ought to be undertaken at once.

It must not, however, be thought that the increased importance of technicians renders infantry no longer necessary.

They must also be trained in the use of all the most effective modern weapons, such as Bren guns, Thompson guns, mortars, grenades, in anti-tank tactics, and so forth, but their function will no longer be the same as before. Frontal assaults will, we hope, be fewer—or the slaughter will be ruinous.

The armoured units, with their attendant air arm will seek out the weak spot of the enemy. When the breach is made, the motorised infantry will be rushed to it in trucks, and their business will be to take possession of the captured ground and to set up a consolidated defence of its flanks. They will also have to reduce, by manoeuvre and the use of their modern weapons, any remnants of resistance there may be.

They will keep open the tunnel through which the tanks will infiltrate and destroy the enemy.

For such duties, weapon training is very necessary. It is, moreover, of great importance that as many officers and non-commissioned officers as possible should be entirely proficient in the intricacies of map-reading. If it is easy to lose one's way with a marching column, it is far easier with one moving at ten times the speed.

Trade Union Role

Training in all such matters calls for highly intelligent perception and leadership. Our conscript army has within its ranks men with high technical experience in civilian life. These men must be so placed in their units that, though they learn thoroughly the fundamentals of general soldiering, their skill as technicians is not wasted.

There is always present the danger that they may get caught up into the ordinary routine of army life and their skill be lost.

Though their qualifications are noted on forms when they "register," forms have a habit of getting lost. Some machinery should be evolved whereby pressure could be put upon army commanders by a committee from the Trade Unions, if the skill of their members was being carelessly wasted.

It is even possible that if the Army is as yet not sufficiently supplied with the most modern equipment, many such men might still be of greater value to the war-effort in civilian life. The Army already has too many "square pegs in round holes," due in many cases to the slavish following of the "taxi-cab" system of promotion by length of service.

At the present moment, careful training, particularly that for the Armoured Corps, is of far greater importance than any long-term attempt to raise the general intellectual standards of the troops.

The standard of efficiency of all officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, must be continually tested by examination. In addition, examining staffs should themselves also be, from time to time, changed—to prevent them becoming stereotyped in outlook.

United Strategy

All such training involves almost limitless detail. Not only must mechanised experts, airmen and infantrymen, each know the exact part to be played by the others; they must also have as full a knowledge as possible of the others' difficulties.

In high places, the three major sections of the land forces—the Infantry, the Army Air Command, and the Armoured Corps—must each have an equal right to express an opinion upon strategy.

The role of tanks must be properly assessed. They are not a mere adjunct to the infantry—so many tanks to so many infantry units. They are the picked fighting force of the future.

They must be used in massed groups of their own, free from the demands of the infantry; small groupings of them will generally lead to severe losses. Whether they are held in reserve as an overwhelming fire-unit in a decisive counter-attack, or whether they are carefully prepared for offensive (as distinct from counter-offensive) action must be decided upon by the High Command strategists.

The opinion of tank experts must, however, be listened to without prejudice. Just as tank tactics are being improved, so is it reasonable to assume that anti-tank methods are also developing fast.

A bold and imaginative conception of the whole problem is an essential of land victory. It is the co-ordination of all such matters by the High Command that must knit the modern army into an intelligent, democratic whole.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICE INQUIRY

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ed from imprest cash, the Immigration Officer accepted, as probably adequate, an imprest of $1,000 sufficient to refund, say, 20 deposits per day.

Eventually, it was found, when the department commenced to operate that an imprest of no less than $40,000 was necessary. In October, in fact, it was not even thought that the number of deposit receipts anticipated justified the printing of a special form of receipt.

"It was my intention to recommend to the Immigration Officer forms of permits which would themselves constitute a form of receipt for the fee paid.

"Without consulting me, the Immigration Officer devised and had printed some thousands of permit forms, bound in books of 200 each, which, from my point of view, were open to almost every possible objection, including

No mention of the fee charged,

No reference to the date of issue (from which the currency of the permit runs).

Bound and numbered backwards, according to European standards.

So devised that the pasting of the applicant's photograph on the counterfoil would have caused the binding to burst long before the book was completed.

Scrapped

"Eventually, on Treasury advice, these forms were scrapped and the present system of specially numbered book hurriedly substituted. About the same time a system of records was devised by me and accepted by the Immigration Officer, showing both quantities and serial numbers of permits passing to and from in the department, to be kept by officers entrusted with:—

The custody of blank permits.

The receipt of blank permits for completion and their completion,

The receipt of completed permits for signature and their signature,

The custody of completed permits, and

The issue of permits against the receipt of the prescribed fees.

"This system was designed to prevent permits going astray, either by accident or design, and to assist in ensuring that all fees were duly collected and brought to account, and was simple in the extreme, being merely a series of debit and credit books which could be kept by any intelligent person. As will be seen later, this system was only partially carried out.

Mr. Taylor

"Deposit receipt forms, especially designed for immigration purposes, were then prepared by mutual agreement between myself and the Immigration Officer and with the Cash Books already recommended there seemed to be no reason why everything should not run smoothly.

"The Immigration Officer was allocated the services of Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, an officer of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff with accounting experience, as an Assistant Immigration Officer, but he chose to send him to Taipo as officer-in-charge at Taipo, rather than to utilise his services for the supervision of the accounts in their early stages.

"But never once during all these preliminary discussions did the Immigration Officer give me any indication of the many thousands of applications he would receive, now the hundreds and may be thousands of deposits he would have to take each day.

And things began to go wrong from the outset.

The department accepted fees from applicants at the time of application for a permit, without the issue of a receipt, and such sums were not brought to account in any way.

Money In Safe

At one time the Immigration Officer informed me that his safe was full of money of an unknown amount, belonging to unknown persons, and that various drawers in the office were similarly full.

Accounts were paid into the Treasury without adequate supporting details as to what they represented.

I recall, in particular, an amount of just over $20,000 paid in by the Immigration Officer for the credit of deposit accounts, although he was admittedly unable to state from whom it had been received and consequently, to whom it should be repaid.

It must have represented nearly one thousand different individuals.

Details of the serial numbers of Deposit receipts issued and brought to account from time to time in the Treasury disclosed gaps which were explained by the Immigration Officer as representing receipts issued in respect of security other than Hong Kong dollars.

No detailed statement has, however, been furnished in respect of receipts as issued and I have little hope of ever getting such a statement.

I am quite unable to accept foreign currencies or to acquiesce in their acceptance by other departments.

There was even a suggestion at one time of accepting deposits in kind.

No attempt was made to open a Deposit Ledger and the only attempt at keeping a departmental cash book was so amateurish as to be quite useless.

Early in January it came to my notice that a number of unsecured ladies were handling monies and that the monies they received were placed with those of shroffs supplied to the departmental after Treasury training so that it was impossible to verify or control the cash received by any particular individual.

Forged Notes

It did not surprise me, therefore, to find several forged notes amongst the cash brought to the Treasury from the Immigration Department, including one of $100.

It was impossible to discover who was responsible for the presence of the forgeries, one of which was particularly obvious, since the serial number was printed in deep blue.

At the same time the shroffs complained of the conditions under which they had to work. In view of these facts, I deputed Mr. L. A. Barton, Treasury Cashier, to inspect and report on the Immigration Office from a Revenue point of view. His report is at 61 in Treasury file No. 33/26/20.

At the same time, Mr. A. J. G. Taylor, Treasury Accountant, reported to me as in 63 in the same Treasury file. Owing to the pressure of work in the Treasury due to the high rate of expenditure arising out of the war it was not possible to spare a Treasury Officer as he suggested, but on my advice it was eventually agreed to bring Mr. A. J. C. Taylor back from Taipo to endeavour to restore order in the chaos.

Report To C.S.O.

In view of the revelations in these reports, I reported to Government in the terms of 31 in S.C.O. file No. 2867/41. The comments of the Hon. The Financial Secretary to the Hon. The Colonial Secretary, together with the latter's remarks are on page 9 of that C.S.O. file.

Shortly after this occurred an event which I think should be brought to the notice of the Commission. At four p.m. on the afternoon of Sunday, January 26, that is to say on the afternoon of the eve of Chinese New Year, the Immigration Officer rang me up to say that his supplies of deposit receipt books had run out. Could I let him have some more at once? And this, although he was well aware that Treasury does not keep a reserve stock of special departmental receipt forms. All the printing works were shut and would remain shut for several days. What could he do?

Special Series

I had no alternative but to agree to his preparing a limited quantity on a duplicating machine, allocating a special series letter to this issue, personally initialling each one and notifying me and the Auditor of the quantity thus prepared.

Although I have asked for it, I have not been informed as to how many were prepared whilst those which I have seen bear, not the initials of the Immigration officer, but a chop which I am informed is his Chinese name.

On February 3, I personally inspected the Immigration Office. The state of affairs is best described in my minute.

Shortly after this it came to my notice, through unofficial channels, that a Mr. E. A. von Kobza, styling himself the General Agent of the Immigration Department, was collecting revenue on behalf of the Government and making refunds or deposits and that, further, claimants were being officially advised to apply to the "General Agent" if they wished to avoid delay in obtaining refunds.

As the officer entrusted with the duty of making all payments on behalf of Government, either directly or through authorised representations in other departments, I could not allow this practice to continue. The Immigration Officer himself was absent from his office on that day, but, at my request, his assistant gave instructions that the repayment of deposits by the General Agent was to cease forthwith.

The next day the Immigration Officer himself and Mr. Von Kobza came to see me. My report to Government in L. M. "General Agency" gives details of the relations with the "General Agency" and it is of interest to note that whilst this report was under discussion, certain revenue collections by the General Agent were paid into Treasury by cheques drawn on the account of the "Kobza Art Studio."

Official Report

Mr. Pudney, mentioned that in his official report to the Financial Secretary, that on various occasions he had verbally reported on the accounting of the Department and realised the difficulties but he felt now compelled to report, as chief accounting officer.

He stated that there was not a single member of the staff entrusted with co-ordinating and supervising the accounts of the Department and work in general and he had suggested that Mr. Taylor should be appointed to organise the department's activities in the accounting respects.

He had been informed that an ex-hair dresser had been engaged as Secretary of the Department and that the financial part had been entrusted to a lady cashier with no security and a few 'unsecured' shroffs. There was no European on the accounts' side. He had lent several shroffs to the department and these reported lack of co-ordination, and the work difficult. The books kept were insufficient and there was no vote service lodger.

On the question of permits, he found the names of the persons to whom they had been issued had not always been entered.

System Devised

At the request of the Immigration Officer, he had devised a system of blank permits with checking at the various stages.

Since the permits serve the dual use of a receipt and for entry into the Colony, Witness stressed the importance of a strict system of control.

Mr. Pudney complained that the stocks of serial number permits were not kept up to requirements owing to failure of the Immigration Officer not informing him, in advance, of requirements.

He mentioned that once he had a desperate request for supplies and found an adequate quantity existed in the store of the Immigration Office.

Regarding deposits, he found that these had been paid over to various Officers but he was not notified who they were. He gathered from the Immigration Officer that it would be derogatory to their dignity to ask them for security.

He had been informed that deposits had been accepted in other than Hong Kong currency and that some deposits had been retained and refunded direct to the depositors and had not been paid to the Treasury.

The difficulties had been aggravated by the failure of the Immigration officer to take advantage of the financially trained staff at his disposal. In his opinion some of the senior members (European) were not suitable.

Crowded Office

On Mr. Pudney's inspection he found a crowded office, a number of people interrupting their work by continual movements and in order to avoid stopping the entire department he did not examine all the records. The accounts were in an unsatisfactory state and show an appalling inefficiency.

Mr. Pudney, referring to his system, said he found it in operation only up to the point it reached a senior officer. The officer who signed it had only a "receipt in" check.

He found that the storekeeper had several thousands of completed forms awaiting claimants, without knowing the number or quantity he should have. The system he devised was carried on till January 25 when it was abandoned.

The failure to maintain a record of the permits made it impossible

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ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM READY FOR DIVE-BOMBERS

(By Solon Gregoriades, International News Correspondent, Somewhere at Sea in the Mediterranean)

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FLEET, TOLD ME IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT BRITISH 'PLANES AND BRITISH GUNS WILL DRIVE THE LUFTWAFFE OUT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AS THEY IMMOBILISED THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE MONTHS AGO.

Received by the Admiral on board his flagship at a secret spot, I asked whether the German air force, once in action, might neutralise the Fleet's power.

"At the beginning of the war," Admiral Cunningham replied, "Italian aviation developed intense activity against our Navy. Now it is Germany's turn.

"There is no doubt that German aviation is far superior to that of Italy. At the beginning the Germans operated against us in the Straits of Sicily with results well known.

"At the beginning our Navy did not possess all defence weapons and was taken by surprise. This will never happen again.

"I have no doubt that the Mediterranean will soon be cleared of Germans just as it was of Italians.

"WE HAVE LEARNED HOW TO COUNTERACT ITALIAN AVIATION. SINCE DECEMBER LAST IT CAN BE SAID THAT ITALIAN WARPLANES HAVE NOT ENGAGED OUR SHIPS." — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

IMMIGRATION OFFICE INQUIRY

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to ascertain a 100 per cent collection.

As regards the deposit receipts, he found books and deposit receipts duplicated and in one case the same number had been issued three times! As a result, it was impossible to check the existing records or to ask an auditor to check. The only course open was to go back and rewrite the whole accounts. He suggested the business of operation be suspended for a while till the accounts were in order.

As regards the Immigration Offices at Taipo, witness was still without information regarding the institution of financial control and the safe custody of public money there.

Referring to a sum of $20,255 paid by the Immigration Office into the Treasury, witness said that the Immigration Officer failed to indicate the number of receipts this sum covered and there were "unexplained gaps" in the serial numbers.

Witness Questioned

In reply to the chairman, Mr. Pudney explained the system of accounts and, in answer to a further question, said that in all departments, persons handling money were required to give a security deposit to guard against any irregularities. It was one of the conditions preceding appointment in the Government and he had known of no case of an appointment in the Treasury without such security. Each shroff employed in the Treasury was secured. In the case of a General Agency, he would insist on a substantial amount.

There was a big rush following the Chinese New Year and the pressure of work was responsible, as also the lack of organisation, for the state of affairs.

He had seen the General Agency agreement and had been told by the Immigration Officer that for smooth running it was essential.

Mr. Forrest produced some photographs. Mr. Pudney agreed that they represented a fair state of his department during a rush hour.

Mr. Pudney would not express an opinion as to whether the furniture was adequate.

Mr. Forrest: "On your first visit you objected to the position of the shroff. Mr. Barton lent me a desk."

Mr. Pudney: "Yes."

Shroffs' Training

Mr. Forrest said that his shroffs had less training than those of other departments.

Mr. Pudney said they had two or three weeks' training in the Treasury.

Mr. Forrest asked if he considered an Agency working for the public and facilitating the obtaining of a permit, as receiving money on behalf of the Government.

Mr. Pudney said he would consider it as an agent of the Government.

Mr. Forrest asked Mr. Pudney if he knew there was an extra large number of Chinese permits required about Chinese New Year. Mr. Pudney agreed.

Regarding deposits, Mr. Forrest asked Mr. Pudney if he knew he had to borrow money from a money changer over the Chinese New Year holidays when the Treasury was not at work. Mr. Pudney said he had increased his imprest.

Mr Pudney said that he did not notice that Mr. Forrest was in the habit of noting on each voucher the time of day. Mr. Forrest stated that on November 11 he had one shroff who had been transferred from the Passport Department and who was not able to do that form of work.

Mr. Pudney agreed that artificial light had to be used in his office. The forged note mentioned was of a dark blue colour. With the exception of one shroff the remainder did not have much experience.

The agreement for the Macao office was made by Mr. Pudney in a general way.

Mr. A. J. C. Taylor had been transferred to the Immigration Department but had not been specially assigned for such work.

Mr. Forrest asked Mr. Pudney if he knew that his "secretary" was doing other than secretarial work and Mr. Pudney agreed that the word Secretary was not properly used.

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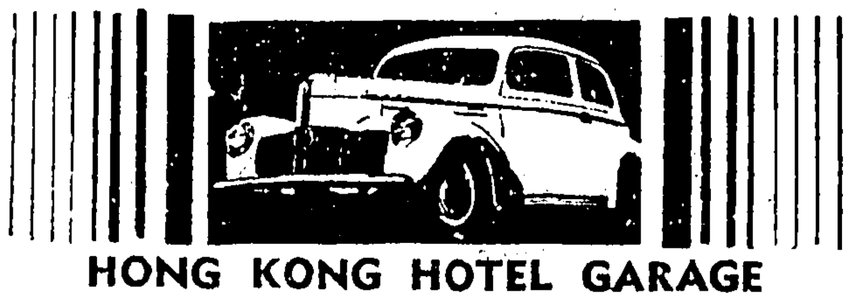

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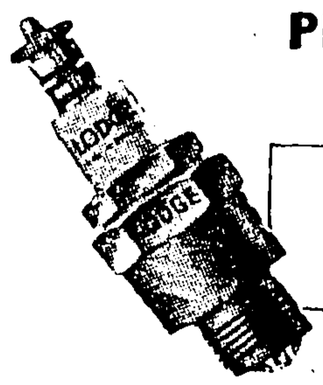

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of $3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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OFFICER IS REPRIMANDED

Lieutenant Thomas Lonsdale Hilton, a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve officer, was ordered by a naval disciplinary inquiry at Great Yarmouth to be severely reprimanded.

He was accused of expressing defeatist views liable to cause alarm and despondency among the public.

The Court found the charges proved.

Temporary Skipper Robert Herbert Soanes said that on December 9 Hilton got into conversation with him on a bus. He said that Hitler was a clever man to invade the Low Countries in twelve weeks, and to get his troops into Norway across 120 miles of water, and asked where was the British Navy that it had not stopped them?

"Rotten"

Hilton said, Skipper Soanes continued, that democratic government was rotten, and that if we did not watch out we should be blockaded.

He added that the working-class people would stop the war.

England was not free, only in speech.

The prosecutor submitted that there could be no doubt that Hilton's remarks, made in a public vehicle and overheard by a subordinate officer and a rating, could not but be regarded as of a defeatist character, and therefore prejudicial to good order and naval discipline.

AFRIDIS WANT TO JOIN ARMY

A gathering of 800 Afridis and other tribes at Peshawar yesterday presented £750 to the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, expressed loyalty to the Government and desired to join the army to fight Hitler.—Reuter.

NAZIS BUY PETAIN PHOTO

Lyons radio, quoting the "Paris Soir," states that many thousands of photographs of Marshal Petain were sold in Paris and that many were bought by German officers and soldiers.

RIBBENTROP'S FATHER DEAD

Lieutenant A. D. von-Ribbentrop, father of Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, has died in Berlin, aged eighty-two.—Reuter.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

What Kind Of Double?

By The Four Aces

"What kind of double did East make in the enclosed hand?" queries a St. Louis reader. "It started an interesting debate, which is still going on."

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

	♠ A 10 8 7 6 ♡ Q 10 6 2 ◇ A Q 5 ♣ J	
♠ Q 4 ♡ 9 8 7 ◇ J 10 8 ♣ K 9 8 3 2	N W E S	♠ K J 9 3 2 ♡ A J 4 ◇ 7 ♣ A Q 10 4
	♠ 5 ♡ K 5 3 ◇ K 9 6 4 3 2 ♣ 7 6 5	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2◇	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After South had made his contract with an overtrick, West hastily asserted that East's double was a Penalty Double, since he hadn't doubled at his first opportunity. East replied that it should have been obvious that he was doubling for a Takeout. We all granted that was so when we saw his hand, but are not sure that West could have known when the hand was actually being bid.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE ... 3
KING .. 2
QUEEN 1
JACK ... ½

"If East and West were both experts, what would East's double mean in the situation described—a Penalty or a Takeout Double?"

It would be a Takeout Double. To begin with, remember that South has passed originally and that North's failure to rebid denies a strong hand. Someone must have a good hand; and West should realise that when the opponents confess weakness and his own hand is poor, his partner should have a strong hand. Then again, what point would there be in doubling for penalties? North and South would just "run" to a safer contract, thanking East for warning them of their danger.

As a matter of fact, West's own hand should make it obvious that the double is not for penalties. Surely North and South should have at least seven or eight diamonds between them for the two-diamond bid and North's pass of acceptance; and West can see three more diamonds in his own hand. Therefore East cannot have enough diamonds for a Penalty Double.

The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says she certainly cuts a figure on the ice rink he means she's a swell performer.

* * *

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♡ 5 2
◇ 8 4 2
♣ J 6 5

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. Your main reason for responding to one diamond was that your partner might have an extraordinary "fit" for spades. The jump in no-trump denies any such wonderful support for spades, so you must avoid any further increase in the contract by passing.

Score 100% for pass, 20% for three spades.

Question No. 661

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 10 9 6 3
♡ Q 5 4 2
◇ 8 3
♣ J

The bidding:

Maier	You	Schenken	Jacoby
3◇	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD — By ED REED

"He has your chin, Dear—if my memory is correct?"

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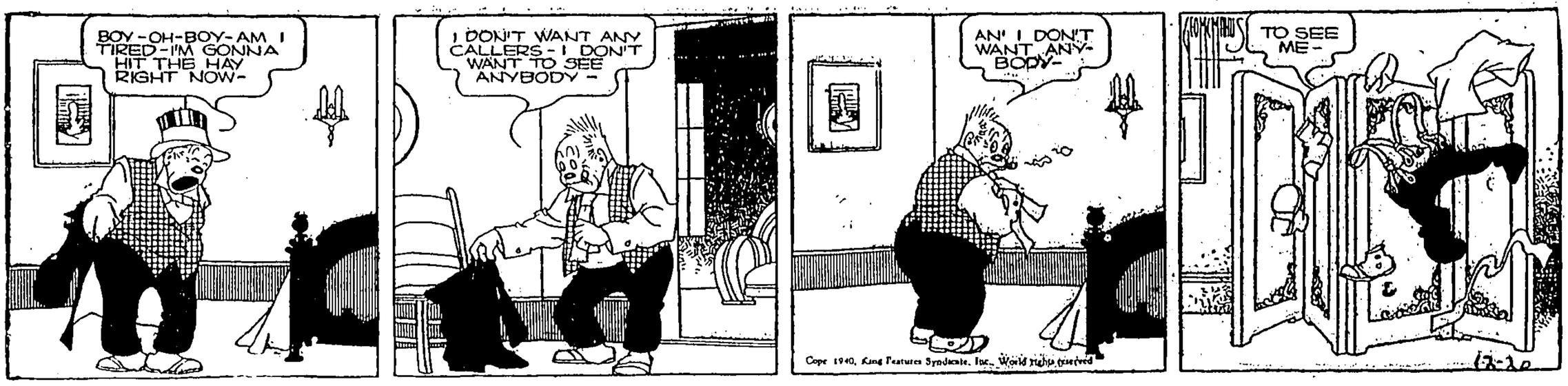


A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Time Out For Hot Soup

. . . And On Cold Winter Days Let Soups Be Hearty & Sustaining

Says Dorothy Greig

Stamping in after a morning's workaday bout with cold and wind, it's cheery to sit down to a bowl of hot soup.

Stout, substantial soups truly give something to "come and go on" when winds blow cold. And to-day, thanks be, hearty soups are a matter of minutes only to prepare. They come out of cans to be heated in short order.

One thing I like to do is combine one soup with another. It's a wonderful way to get soups that are extra thick and nourishing. Also such soups are individual and different. For instance, here are some that are especially savoury.

Frost Bite Chaser

1 can condensed clam chowder
1 can condensed chicken gumbo soup
2 cans milk (using soup can for measure)

Empty the clam chowder into a sauce pan and to it add the chicken gumbo soup. Then stir in 2 cans of milk. Heat to boiling point, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

Skier's Warmer-Up

1 can condensed bean-with-bacon soup

1 can condensed pea soup

1 can water

1 can milk

1 frankfurter, sliced

Combine the bean-with-bacon soup and the pea soup. Stir in the water gradually and then add the can of milk (using the soup can for a measure). Heat to the boiling point, but do not boil. Saute the frankfurter slices in a little butter and use as garnish. Serves 5-7.

Olé Man Winter Soup

1 can condensed pea soup

1 can condensed pepper pot

2 cans of water

Combine the pepper pot and pea soups. Then add the 2 cans of water, using the soup can for a measure. Heat and simmer for 3 minutes. Serves 5-7.

Toboggan Slide Bisque

1 can condensed tomato soup

1 can condensed celery soup

1 can milk, using soup can for measure

Combine the tomato and celery soups. Then add 1 can of milk, using the soup can for a measure. Heat, but do not boil. Serves 4-5.

Skater's Whirl

1 can condensed Scotch broth

1 can condensed tomato soup

1 can condensed pea soup

2 cans water.

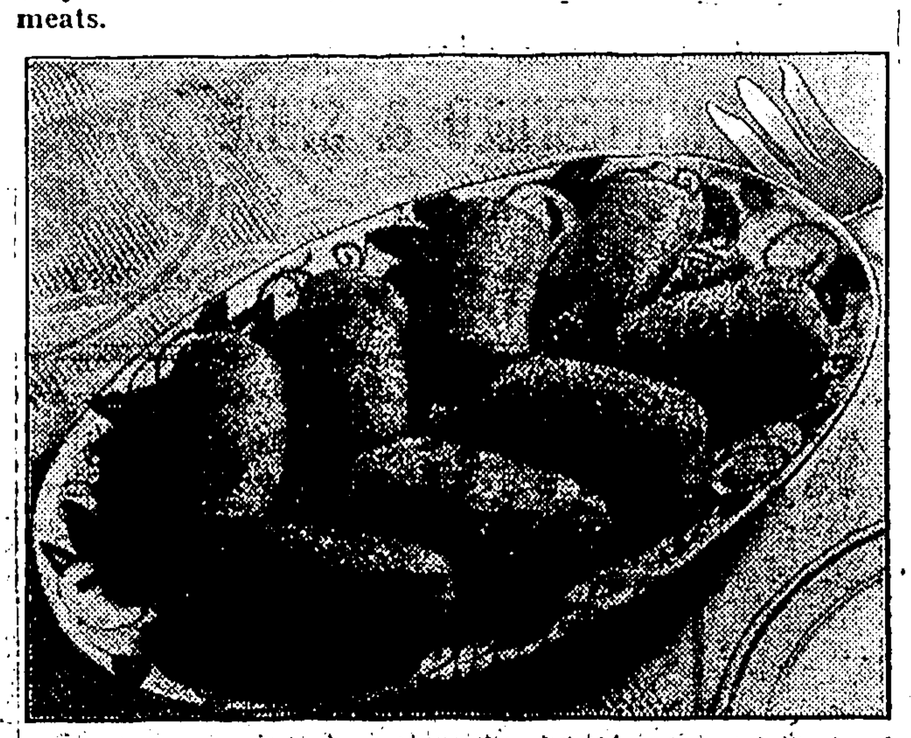
To the pea soup add the can of tomato soup stirring constantly. Then add 1 can of Scotch broth. Stir in 2 cans of water (using soup can for a measure). Serves 7-9.

Ham and Mushroom Croquettes

pan hot...crispy brown...and tender

by Dorothy Greig

THERE'S nothing namby pamby about these croquettes. They exult in keen relishing flavor. That is partly because they are made of ham, in itself one of our most flavorsome of meats.



To that is added the velvet creaminess of condensed cream of mushroom soup with its fullness of mushroom flavor, finely chopped eggs and seasonings. Let us roll, dip and quick fry our croquettes to hot brown crumb crispness. Then serve them in all their fork tenderness to the ones that we love best.

The Croquettes

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
6 hard-cooked eggs, finely chopped
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon prepared mustard
1½ cups soft bread crumbs
1 cup ham, finely chopped

Combine the salt, Worcestershire sauce and prepared mustard with the chopped eggs. Heat the cream of mushroom soup and add the chopped eggs (with seasonings), soft bread crumbs and chopped ham. Heat and cook 4-5 minutes. Chill for 2-3 hours. Mold into croquettes.

The Breading for Them:

Flour
Fine crumbs
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 tablespoons water

Dip the croquettes in a mixture of the flour and fine bread crumbs (½ flour and ½ crumbs), then in the egg mixed with milk or water, and roll in the fine crumbs at the last. Fry in hot, deep fat (365°-385° F.) for 2-5 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 8 croquettes.

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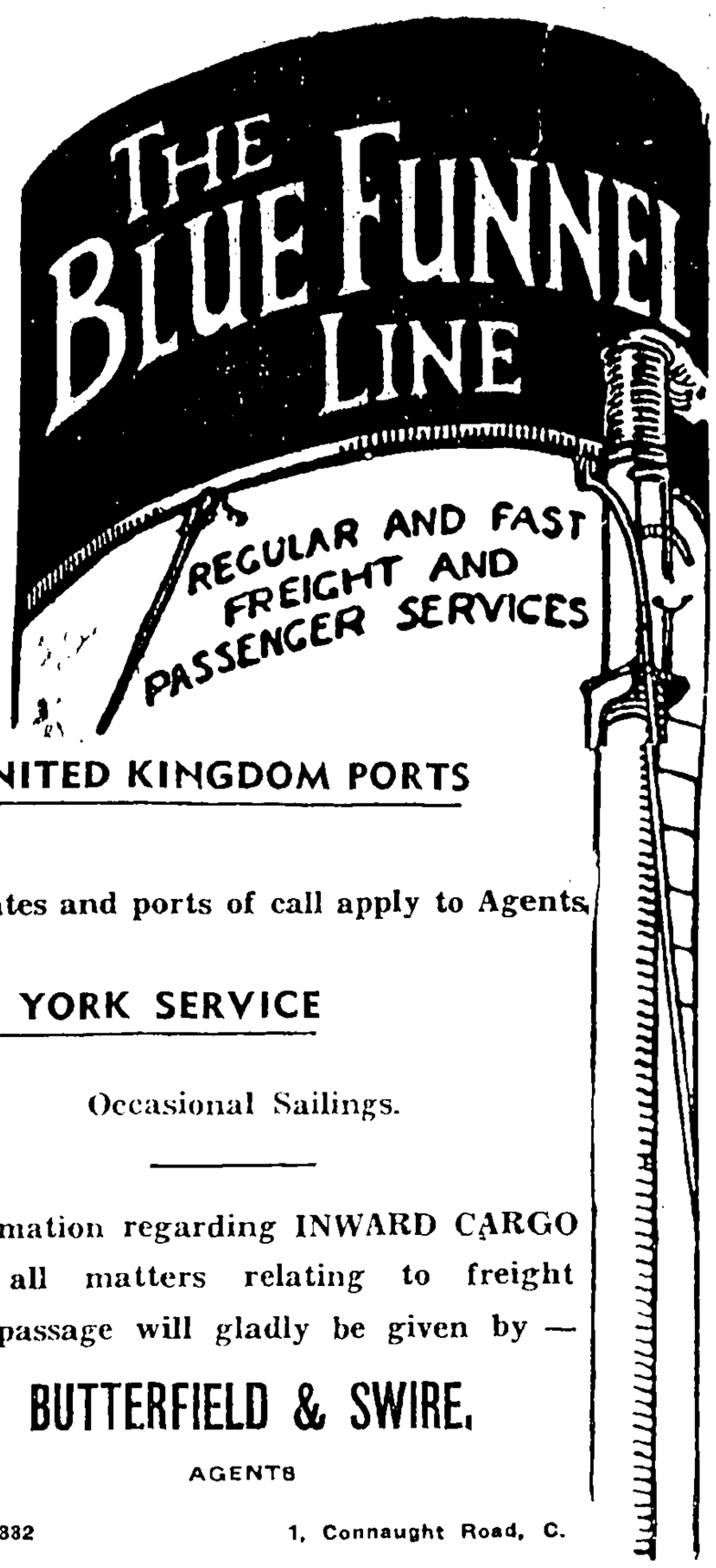

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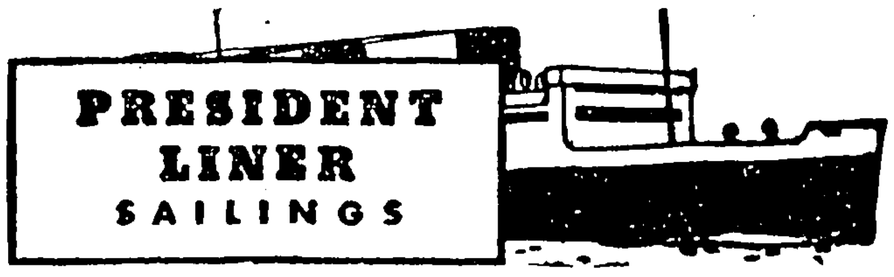

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya ..... 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
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RADIO

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
'The Maid of the Mountains'—Selection (Fraser-Simson)...The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean; 'Jolly Roger'—Vocal Gems...Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; 'The Three Waltzes'—Selection (Oscar Strauss—after Johann Strauss, father & son) ...Orchestra Georges Tzipine with Grand Opera of the Gaumont Palace, Paris.
6.55 p.m.—A.R.P. Announcement regarding the forthcoming Census.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m. — London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ. Song of Paradise (King); Serenade (Moussorgsky); In A Monastery Garden (Ketelbey); Second Serenade (Heykens).
8.15 p.m.—Harry Roy's New Stage Show (Recorded at the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London).
8.30 p.m.—Film Selections.
'Sailing Along' Selection Louis Levy & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Gerry FitzGerald and Eve Becke; 'Wake Up and Live'—Never in a Million Years, It's Swell of You..Alice Kaye with Cy Feuer Orchestra; 'Rosalie'—Rosalie, 'Life of the Party'—Roses in December Rawicz and Landauer (Piano Duets); 'The Great Victor Herbert'—Someday, Thine Alone...Allan Jones (Vocal) with Orchestra, 'It's Love Again'—Selection Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony with Janet Lind (Vocal)
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 p.m.—De Groot & His Orchestra with Charles Kullman (Tenor).
Chanson Bohemienne (Boldi), On A Dreamy Summer Night (Krome) De Groot & His Orchestra, Smilin' Through (Penn) Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra; Autumn (Chaminade) De Groot & His Orchestra; Gypsy Love Song (Victor Herbert), Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra; Traume (Wagner).. De Groot & His Orchestra; Vale (d'Arcy & Russell), Love, Here is My Heart (Ross & Silesu) Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra & Organ, In The Night (Tate).. De Groot & His Orchestra.
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

SAVINGS CAMPAIGN IN NIGERIA

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE SALE OF SAVINGS CERTIFICATES, SIMILAR TO THAT ORGANISED BY THE NATIONAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE IN BRITAIN, IS BEING LAUNCHED IN NIGERIA.

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A gift of £2,000 from the East London Municipality, South Africa, acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production, raised the city's gifts total to £13,000.—British Wireless.

10.15 p.m.—Humorous Variety Programme.
Vocal—Grub (Frankau & Others), Music (Frankau & Others) Murgatroyd & Winterbottom with Piano, Comedienne—A Perfect Lady (Pherns & Gwyn) Doris Palmer with Piano, A Musical Caricature—Phonograph Record, Player Piano and Carmen Lombardo Alec Templeton, Comedian—Backscratcher Max Miller with Orchestra, Comedienne—Down at Our Charity Bazaar (Aza) Gracie Fields with Orchestra; Comedian—Impshe Max Miller with Orchestra; Impressionist The Singing Lesson Jane Carr, Vocal Said the Little Brown Hen (Formby & Others) George Formby with His Ukulele & Orchestra; Impressionist Sun Bathing Jane Carr, Vocal—Trailing Around in a Trailer (Gifford & Cliff) George Formby & His Ukulele with Orchestra; Humorous Monologue—One Each a Piece All Round Stanley Holloway with Piano; Comedienne—Whiskers and All (Weston) Gracie Fields with Orchestra
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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R.E. LASSOO ACT IN THE CITY

Soldiers of the Royal Engineers, hauling on ropes, pulled down tottering buildings in the City of London's fire raid area.

One of them daringly climbed a swaying ladder to throw a rope around a crazy five-storey building in Newgate Street.

Then a squad of Engineers pulled on the rope in a great tug-of-war. As crowds watched the whole facade of the building swayed and quivered.

An N.C.O. stood almost in the shadow of the crumbling walls and directed his team.

At last the soldiers succeeded. The whole structure bulged forward, and with a tremendous roar an avalanche of masonry crashed to the roadway, sending up a huge column of dust.

In all, 300 Royal Engineers and nearly a thousand Pioneers have been drafted into the City to speed up the clearance.

INDIA'S HOLDING OF SECURITIES

The India Office announces that an acquisition order has been made by the Government of India affecting holdings of certain leading American dollar securities owned by residents in British India.

Permission will be granted to effect delivery of securities held for safe custody in the U.K. by lodgement at the Bank of England in London and for securities so held in the U.S.A. by lodgment with an agency, the Bank of Montreal, in New York.

Similar orders have been made by the Government of Burma and by the Indian States. — British Wireless.

DOCK DIVIDEND

Subject to final Audit the Directors of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. will recommend to Shareholders at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting the following allocation of the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account at 31st December, 1940, viz:—Pay a Dividend @ 6% p.a. on 355,110 old shares $213,066.00; Pay Bonus thereon of 5% $177,555.00; Pay Dividend @ 6% p.a. for half year on 116,866 new shares $35,059.80; Pay Bonus thereon of 5% p.a. for half year $29,216.50; Place to Reserve $750,000.00; Pay a Bonus to Staff $70,000.00; and carry forward to next year about $200,000.00.

PROFIT-TAKING ON STOCK MARKET

Interest on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly centred on gilt-edged securities in which further rises were registered though a little profit-taking fractionally reduced early gains. India stocks made further headway on good buying, but elsewhere business was confined to small limits. Among foreign issues, Czech and Austrian loans were slightly higher. Wall Street was dull. Reuter.

UNIVERSITY ARTS PLAYS

The Hong Kong University Arts Association are presenting G. B. Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion," preceded by a short Chinese play in English. "The Horsedealer's Story," on Saturday March 22, at 8.45 p.m. in the University Great Hall. A special performance for schools will be given on Friday, the 21st at 7 p.m. The proceeds from both performances will be given to the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

INDIAN ASSEMBLY DEBATE

Great satisfaction at General Auchinleck's appointment as Commander-in-Chief, India, was expressed in the Indian Assembly during the debate on the question of appointment of a defence committee.

The Government spokesman said General Auchinleck was firmly of opinion that the possibilities of his receiving views and advice from representatives of the public, on the one hand, and his giving them information useful to them, on the other, requires regularisation.

General Auchinleck hoped arrangements would be worked out by which this can be given effect.

If members would like to go and see Indian troops on active service, the Defence Secretary would make arrangements.

Referring to a complaint that the country had not been taken into Government's confidence, the Defence Secretary said it was not the case that Indians were distrusted but in matters of defence there was need for circumspection and many matters had necessarily to be a close preserve of the Executive, as in other countries. Reuter.

SAYS GIRL, 19, SWAM FOR LIFE

After a "life and death struggle" to ward off a soldier, a girl of nineteen dived into a canal and swam to the other side.

This story was told at Liverpool when Samuel Morgan, twenty-eight, an Irish Guardsman, was accused of assaulting Miss Anne McVittie, nineteen, and robbing her of a bicycle and other articles.

Mr. J. R. Bishop, prosecuting, said that Miss McVittie, a shorthand typist, was cycling along the towing path of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal on the night of October 4 when she saw Morgan.

Committed For Trial

"What took place," said Mr. Bishop, "appears to have been a life and death struggle to ward off the prisoner."

Mr. Bishop said that in order to escape, the girl suggested Morgan should hold her mackintosh. She then dived into the canal and swam to the other side. Morgan mounted the cycle and rode away.

Morgan told the London police he knew nothing about it and when charged at Liverpool said: "I have nothing to say, only I was not there."

Morgan pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was committed for trial at the next Liverpool Assizes and was granted legal aid.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments $7 b.

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500 Watsons @ $10.70

UNUSUAL FILM SHORT

One of the most unusual of short subjects to come from Hollywood for some time is Warner Bros. "Cavalcade of Academy Awards," which will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day.

Every star who ever won an Academy Award is in it, and the mammoth parade starts as far back as 1928 when Jeanette Gaynor won the first "Oscar" with her performance in "Seventh Heaven."

Brief flashes of famous box office performances follow with each succeeding year, and the story is grippingly told by "Oscar" himself; a role taken by Hollywood's famous commentator, Carey Wilson.

Memories of Marie Dressler's stirring performance in "Min and Bill," Al Jolson's "The Jazz Singer," the first talkie to be filmed, Norma Shearer's "The Gay Divorcee," Emile Jannings' "The Way of All Flesh," and many other outstanding film achievements crowd the mind as the first few years flash all too quickly by.

As a fitting climax is the recent Academy Award dinner in Los Angeles. Every star in Hollywood is present in hopeful anticipation. Famous personalities of screen and radio take turns on the platform in awarding the great, and Directors, technicians, playwrights, authors and song writers share honours with the stars in receiving the award.

To David Selznik go the highest honours for the best direction of the year. Robert Donat shines as the male star for his performance in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," while Vivien Leigh gets first acclaim as Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind." Also amongst the first five in the male class are Clark Gable, Laurence Olivier and James Stewart, while feminine stars include Bette Davis, Greer Garson, Greta Garbo and Irene Dunne. Not to be outmoded are Hattie McDaniel, loveable mammy of "Gone With The Wind," and Thomas Michell of "Stage Coach" fame, who receive special awards for supporting roles. The juvenile award was received that year by Judy Garland, actress and songstress of "The Wizard of Oz." And so on ad infinitum.

This Warner Bros. short was produced by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences under the personal supervision of Frank Capra, well-known director of many outstanding motion picture productions and himself twice winner of the Academy Award for the best direction — M. A. M.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

ARMY INDIVIDUAL BOXING CANCELLED

Q.T. HOCKEY MATCH TO-DAY

THIS AFTERNOON the Army (British team) are expected to defeat Hong Kong Hockey Club in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament which will be played at King's Park, bully-off 4.45 p.m.

The team representing the British Army will be as follows:

L Cpl. Dove (Royal Signals)
Cpl. Neve (Royal Scots)
Bdr. Anderson (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.)
Sgt. Crowley (Middlesex Regt.)
Sgt. Croston (Royal Engineers)
Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex Regt.)
Cpl. Singleton (Royal Engineers)
Pte. Sheehan (Middlesex Regt.)
Pte. Hitchcott (Royal Scots)
Cpl. Shaw (Royal Engineers)
Sgt. Homberg (Royal Engineers)
RESERVES:—Cpl. Alsey (Royal Scots) and L Sgt. Taylor (Royal Engineers).

This same team will play against the Indian Army team on Friday, at Marina ground, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

A good match should be witnessed this afternoon in the semi-final of the Small Units Knockout competition between the 3rd Med. Battery, H.K.S.R.A. and the Hong Kong Signal Company at Sookunpoo, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

How they reached the semi-final:

SIGNALS
Beat 7th A.A. Bty., R.A.
Beat H.K.S.R.A. (H.Q. Coy.).
Beat 40th (F) Coy., R.E.

34 MED. BATTERY, H.K.S.R.A.
Beat 20th Hvy. Bty., R.A.
Beat 35th M.C.D. Bty., H.K.S.R.A.
Beat 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A.

The 36th Hvy Bty., R.A. have already entered into the final of this competition by defeating H.Q. Coy., Middlesex Regt.

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Snooker

THE Medical Corps are still leading by one point in the Garrison Snooker League from the Royal Engineers Sergeants.

Both have played 10 games and the points are: -Medical Corps 39 points, and R.E. Sergeants 38 points.

MATCHES PLAYED DURING LAST WEEK

R.A. Sgts. Stanley 4 points—C.M. Police 2 points.
R.E. "A" Team 2 points—R.A. Sgts. Stanley 4 points.
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R.E. Sgts. 5 points—R.E. "A" Team 1 point.
R.A.P.C. 4 points—Signals Cpls. 2 points.
C.M. Police 3 points—R.A.M.C. 3 points.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	10	5	1	4	39
R.E. Sergeants	10	6	2	2	38
R.A. Sgts. Stanley	10	5	1	4	34
C.M. Police	10	2	3	5	29
R.A.P.C.	10	3	4	3	27
R.E. "A" Team	10	2	4	2	27
Signals "A"	10	3	7	0	23
Signals Cpls.	10	2	6	2	23

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Association Football

TO-MORROW at Caroline Hill Army will play Navy in the Kotewall Cup kick-off 4.30 p.m.

This should be a good game, in view of the fact that Navy beat Kowloon Football Club on Saturday by four clear goals.

The Army team will be as follows:—

L/Cpl. Bankier (Royal Scots); Pte. Naysmith (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Fraser (Royal Scots); Cpl. Birrell (Royal Engineers), L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex Regt.) and Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex Regt.); Sgt. Owens (Royal Artillery), Spr. Fox (Royal Engineers), Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots), Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) and S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.) (Capt.).
RESERVES:—L/Cpl. Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Bdr. Guy (Royal Artillery), Gnr. Atkins (Royal Artillery) and Pte. Munro (Royal Scots).

Royal Army Service Corps are still piling on the goals and last Saturday they gave no mercy to their opponents, Kwong Wah, whom they defeated by eight goals to two, this bringing their goals scored so far this season to 105.

They are one point behind Royal Engineers, but have played one game more.

Both the senior military teams had a win on Saturday and this was the Diehards" third successive win.

Royal Scots won their first match for a long period by beating the Club on Sunday by two goals to nil.

Royal Scots and Kowloon, in Second Division, d'd not play owing to Volunteers' Camp and they will not receive the points as mentioned in the paper on Monday morning.

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Rugby Football

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo there will be two matches in the Large Units Rugby League, between Royal Artillery and the Combined Small Units, and Middlesex Regt. and Royal Scots.

In this League Royal Engineers have a fine lead of four points from their nearest opponents, Royal Artillery.

COMMAND SPORTING EVENTS FOR WEEK

TO-DAY
LARGE UNITS RUGBY LEAGUE
Combined Small Units v Royal Artillery (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.).
Middlesex Regt. v Royal Scots (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.).
LARGE UNITS HOCKEY LEAGUE
Middlesex Regt. v H.K.S.R.A. (Marina ground, Chatham Road, bully off 3.00 p.m.).
SMALL UNITS HOCKEY COMPETITION—SEMI-FINAL
3rd Med. Battery, H.K.S.R.A. v H.K. Signal Coy. (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.).
QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
British Army Team v Hong Kong Hockey Club (King's Park, bully off 4.30 p.m.).

TO-MORROW
KOTEWALL CUP
Army v Navy (Caroline Hill, kick off 4.30 p.m.).
FRIDAY
QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
British Army Team v Indian Army Team (Marina ground, bully off 4.30 p.m.).
SATURDAY
RUGBY FOOTBALL
Army & Club v Navy & Police (Club ground, kick off 3.15 p.m.).
SUNDAY
GOVERNOR'S CUP
H.K.F.A. v Combined Chinese (Causeway Bay, kick off 3.30 p.m.).

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Engineers	5	5	0	0	10
Royal Artillery	4	3	0	1	6
Royal Scots	4	1	1	2	3
Middlesex Regt.	5	1	0	4	2
Combined Small Units	4	0	1	3	1

In the Colony Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament, 8th Hvy. Regt. "A" were badly defeated in the Final by the Club "A" to the tune of 21 points to nil; they did well up to the Final, defeating Tamar "A" by five points to three in the Quarter-Finals, and B. & S. in the Semi-Final by three points to nil after extra time. They lost in the Final by 22 points to nil.

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Boxing

LAST week Middlesex Regiment held their Inter-Company Open Boxing competition, and several of the Battalion boxing belts changed hands.

Pte. Cooper, who won his division in the Battalion this year as a novice, beat L/Cpl. McGrady last year's winner of the middleweight belt; Pte. Fawcett beat Cpl. Fox for the light heavyweight belt; Drum-Major Holdfor retained his belt in the welterweight class; Pte. Noble, who was the battalion featherweight holder this year, won the lightweight belt; Pte. Hills gained the featherweight belt, and Pte. Hope retained his bantamweight belt.

Owing to there being insufficient entries for the Command Individual Opens, this competition will not be held this year, so the next main boxing competition for Army boxers will be held in April at Murray Barracks, when the Inter Unit Opens will take place.

HOCKEY CLUB SELECTIONS

The following will present Hong Kong Hockey Club against the British Army in the Quadrangular Tournament at King's Park at 4.45 p.m. to-day:

V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond, A. E. P. Guest; R. Marques, W. A. Reed, N. V. M. Whitley; D. T. Smith, T. S. D. Whitley, E. Folwer, H. L. Ozorio and J. M. Morgan.

PANCHO VILLA HAD SYSTEM TO WIN RACES

Pancho Villa had the only system for beating the races.

The old Mexican rough rider simply said: "The horse mus' win," as staff members carelessly fondled their holsters, writes an Amercian correspondent.

Villa took possession of the Juarez track, across from El Paso, in 1912. One day the agrarian rebel made a $500 bet. There were two horses with similar names: Lady Panchita and Panzareta. The seller gave him tickets on Lady Panchita Panzareta won.

Villa appeared at the cashier's window.

"Pay me," said he.

"But you bet on Lady Panchita, general," replied the mutuel clerk.

"No. No. Pay me. I bet Panzareta," insisted the insurrecto chieftain. His staff members commenced to appear nervous.

They paid Villa. Gladly.

"Mus' Win"

Villa was touted on a good thing.

"I'll bet, yes," the old boy told them. "The horse mus' win." He was no sucker.

Col. Phil Chinn and Pat Knegelgamp laid the general for a large wager . . . then got to thinking about his remark—"The horse mus' win."

So the horse which "mus' win" was scratched. It was one time the bookmakers couldn't win. Villa got no action . . . his money back.

The boys at Caliente recall one fellow being ruled off the turf for touting Villa on a steed which didn't win.

Villa demanded payment. The bookmaker paid. For 10 years that widely known race tracker wasn't restored to good standing because he started something too hot to handle.

Exciting Days

Those were exciting days on the border. It perhaps was the only time a race meeting was called off while armies battled. The Villaistas demonstrated they could shoot cannon straight . . . with track buildings as their targets. The Federals retaliated. There was much sniping. The grandstand steps were stained with blood. It was two weeks before Col. Matt Winn could resume operations.

Meanwhile, Villa had his fling at the races.

And when Pancho Villa bet, "the horse mus' win."

HEATS FOR UNIVERSITY SPORTS MTG.

Further heats in the University Sports to be held on Saturday were run off yesterday at Pokfulum. The results were as follows:

100 Yards:—Heat 1—1, V. Zaitzeff (Lugard), 2, S. H. Leung (Ricci): Time: 10 4-5 secs. Heat 2—1, J. Fenton (Morrison), 2, Lum Pak-huen (Elliot): Time: 10 2-5 secs. Heat 3—1, T. T. Chin (Elliot), 2, Xavier (Ricci): Time: 10 4-5 secs. Heat 4—1, W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard): Time: 10 4-5 secs.

220 Yards:—Heat 1—1, S. H. Leung (Ricci), 2, J. Fenton (Morrison): Time: 25 secs. Heat 2—1, W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard): Time: 25 2-5 secs. Heat 3—1, S. Mahmood (Lugard), 2, V. Zaitzeff (Lugard): Time: 25 2-5 secs. Heat 4—1, K. M. Au Morrison), 2, Wong Kok-see (Elliot): Time: 26 1-10 secs.

Long Jump:—1, E. Mazuza (Lugard), 2, T. T. Chin (Ellit): Length, 19 ft. 4 ins.

Tug of War:—Section "A", Won by Ricci Hall. Section "B", Won by Elliot Hall.

GOLF GOSSIP

Our golfers younger than 60 are satisfied now that when Harry Vardon was burning up British and American courses with breath-taking 77's, in Queen Victoria's reign, the feat was equivalent to beating par to-day, writes a correspondent.

It wasn't only that Vardon, J. H. Taylor and other old-timers played in tweed jackets reaching below the hips and used timber-shafted clubs. The big difference, as shown recently by an Australian match for the soldiers' comforts fund, was that the ball was solid gutta-percha.

Somebody found a few of these links with the past, brushed the dust off them, and gave them to two leading professionals for use in a match against two older pros, who played with modern rubber-cored balls.

Beaten 2 And 1

New South Wales pro champion Bill Bolger (who won the national open in 1936 with 283) and easy-swinging Sam Richardson (1935 N. S. W. pro champion) teed up the hard gutta-percha specimens and were beaten, 2 and 1, by Fred Popplewell (1925 and 1928 open champion) and Victor James.

Swinging hickory-shafted clubs, Bolger nudged the solid ball around Bonnie Doon course in 79, eight over par. Richardson, with steel clubs, took 81. At the 14 holes longer than 360 yards they had to play two full woods. Against the wind, a 540-yard hole took Richardson three woods to reach the green, each a superbly-hit shot.

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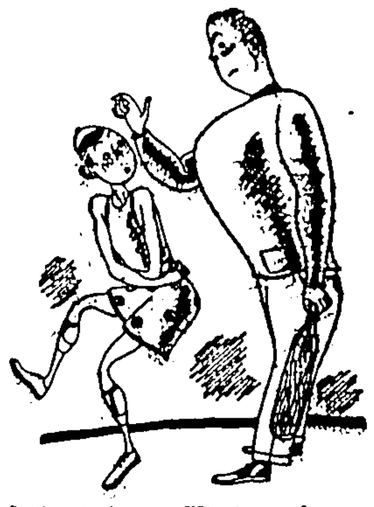

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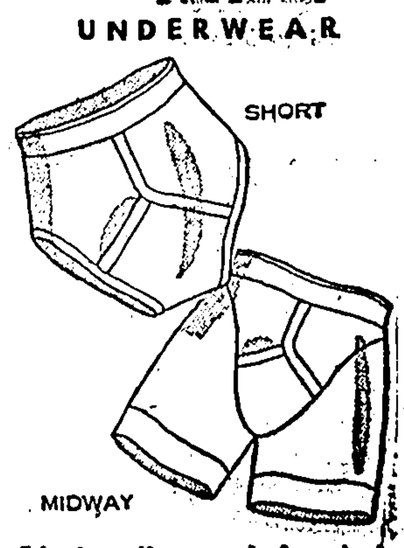

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Yet he is a "stranger" to all. An American Correspondent refers to Byron Nelson, 1939 National Open champion, 1940 P. G. A. titleholder, and recent winner off the Miami $10,000 Open tournament. Nelson, for three years professional at the Reading Country Club, now is located at Inverness Country Club, Toledo, O.

Nelson probably is the most misunderstood professional in the big time circuit. They say he is uppish, they say he lacks colour, they say he makes a bad impression on the gallery.

Not Uppish

The lanky Texan is anything but uppish.

In a small city like Reading, where Nelson really got his start, a sports writer gets to know the golf professionals. He plays a couple of rounds with them very month.

Members of the Reading club saw him develop from a promising young golfer to the National Open champion in that period. When he left Reading, he was the same Byron Nelson who came to the city in 1937, flushed with his first important victory, the Augusta Masters.

There's a good story back of Nelson's rapid rise to fame. Four years ago they used to say the angular youth lacked moxie down.

Stanley Giles, chairman of the greens committee at the Reading club, took Byron aside one day in 1937 in the pro shop.

"I've seen every leading pro in the country play and right now I think you're the best shotmaker in the game," Giles told Byron. "There is no reason why you shouldn't win every tournament in which you participate. You can beat any of these stars."

Believes Self

Giles kept drumming that in Nelson week after week until he had Nelson believing it himself. No longer was he a flash in the pan.

The payoff came in the 1939 National Open at Spring Mill, Philadelphia. It was during the second round of the 72 holes. Nelson had been having trouble with his irons . . . . was closing the blade just a fraction of a second too soon. Work on the practice tee disclosed the fault. Following Nelson, Ed Dudley and Henry Picard that afternoon, we spoke with the big boy at the seventh tee.

"I found the trouble; nothing will stop me now; I'm going to win this tournament," Nelson confided. And from that point until the final putt on the last hole in the playoff with Craig Wood, Nelson hit every shot like a champion.

To-day the experts admit Nelson is the greatest competitor in golfdom. It took a long time. Nelson is big news in Reading although he has been away from here a year. You can't tell his friends here he has donned a high hat. He has our vote every time he goes to the post.

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COLONY TOURNEY DRAW

Following is the draw for the Colony Tennis Championships and Club Championship.

The Tournament will start next week.

Open Singles

Byes I. M. A. Razack v S. Y. Tong, S. A. Rumjahn v C. Dunne or Lt. Shields Goodman.

First Round: C. S. Lee v A. Crawford; George Choa v T. J. Gould Tsui Wai Pui v O. Rumjahn, Ho Ka Lau v K. H. Yip; Capt. R. E. Guest v Pang Oi Lam, S. T. Chau v Wei Chung; O. Umetani v M. Pagh; W. J. Howard v H. D. Rumjahn; Fung Yee Pui or Kenneth Lo v Paul Kong.

Bye Tsui Yan Pui v C. H. R. Oxlade.

Open Doubles

Byes—M. Pagh and Lt. Shields Goodman v Ho Ka Lau and K. H. Yip; B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow v W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell.

First Round:—George Choa and A. V. Remedios v A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong; O. Umetani and T. Imura v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould; Lt. J. S. Theobald and Capt. P. J. Skipwith v I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu; Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming v H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn; F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling v Paul Kong and Fung Yee Pui; W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v Wei Chung and S. T. Chau; C. H. R. Oxlade and Dr. A. H. Barwell or Tsui Yan Pui and Tsui Wai Pui v Capt. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay.

Byes—Pang Oi Lam and Lee Kam Ming v B. and I. Agafuroff; T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias v G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall.

Club Championship

H. Van Leeuwen v G. W. Sewell; T. A. Pearce v C. H. R. Oxlade; V. R. Gordon v A. K. Mackenzie; F. W. Carter v M. A. Bierens de Haan; P. J. Elder v T. C. Monaghan; R. E. Guest v J. Stirling Lee; H. J. Armstrong v A. H. Barwell; T. J. Gould v M. Pagh.

CLUB "A" RUGBY TEAM

Following have been selected to represent Club "A" in a Rugby match on Club ground tomorrow at 5.15 p.m. against a team not yet nominated:—Walkden; Needham, Carruthers, Milner and Didsbury; Aitkenhead and Morgan; McEwan, Dunnett, Moodie, Dalziel, Attwell, Castleton, Godfrey and Olsen.

Y.M.C.A. BILLIARDS

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. in a billiards match against R.A.M.C. Army champions, at 8 p.m. to-night at the Y.M.C.A.—Jones, Jackson, Champelovier, Eager, Sykes, Curtis. Reserves:—Whitmore, Moreland.

RANJI TROPHY

Maharashtra won the Ranji Trophy for the second year in succession yesterday when they beat Madras by six wickets, says Reuter from New Delhi.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v Kowloon
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Navy
(Navy ground, 4.30 p.m.)
Club v Eastern
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Club
(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)
Service Corps v Kowloon
(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)
South China v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Kit Chee v Middlesex
(Club, 3.00 p.m.)
Engineers v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
Navy v Sing Tao
(Navy ground, 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v 20th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 3.00 p.m.)
35th R.A. v 24th R.A.
(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Engineers
(Military, 4.30 p.m.)
R.A.M.C. v 36th R.A.
(Military, 3.00 p.m.)
International v 12th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)
A.S.A. v Shell
(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)

Sunday

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Hong Kong Football Association v Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.
(Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET

The following will represent Civil Service in a First Division League cricket match against Indians on Saturday:—J. E. Richardson (Captain), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. Whitley, A. M. J. Wright.

SCRIBE ASTOUNDED AT ANTICS OF U.S.A. OFFICIALS

By Charley Paddock

(Publisher, The "Pasadena Star-News," One-Time "Fastest Human")

After all the years I have been in amateur sports as a competitor and as an observer, I shouldn't by rights be surprised by anything any of the officials do. But I guess I'll never grow up. The antics of the amateur officials continue to amaze me.

Let us consider that dignified group known as the Pacific Coast Conference. The boys got themselves a high commissioner. To make sure no one would have false illusions as to why they got him and what kind of police duties he was expected to perform, they hired a former G-man. It was all in the interests of amateurism.

To make sure everyone had his worst suspicions realised, the G-man went out and barred some of the most promising young football players in the west from attending U.C.L.A., California and Southern California.

Of course these youngsters were no better and no worse than hundreds of other prep stars being "rushed" by over-eager alumni of these particular institutions of higher learning, as well as all the other members of the Pacific Coast Conference. What has been accomplished by making "examples" of these boys and these particular colleges has not yet been explained. But it was all in the interests of amateurism.

Wrong Move

The Los Angeles Coliseum is the only stadium in that city large enough to stage outstanding athletic events. Professional rodeos, ice carnivals and other play-for-pay shows are often held there. But the conference refused to let the best professional football teams in the world use the Coliseum even for a relief show. Why? Officials said it was not right for the amateurs to use the same field as the professionals even on different days, weeks and months. Yet conference teams play elsewhere throughout the land on fields where professional football teams also cavort.

The real answer, of course, is that U.S.C., U.C.L.A. and the conference teams which annually meet them at the Los Angeles Coliseum are afraid professional football might be popularised in the southland at the expense of college pay if the pro teams had a chance to show their wares before 100,000 rather than less than 20,000. But it was done, I assure you, all in the interests of amateurism.

Finally, that the boys might be looked after in the "right" way, the conference decided that those players who competed in the Rose Bowl might be given $50 for their services, if in the opinion of the college officials they would have lost that much by not having a Christmas vacation job.

Al Masters, graduate manager of Stanford, an A. A. U. official of many years standing, could not accept that one. He knew that this constituted out-and-out professionalism and would be proper grounds to bar any athlete, whether he accepted the money or not, so long as one player on the field did, from open amateur competition either in this country or abroad.

So Stanford, thanks to Masters, is safe, but that does not excuse the action of the Pacific Coast Conference officials. They are still merrily moving along their trail of inconsistencies, always, of course, in the interests of amateurism.

GOLF GOSSIP

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The veterans' rubber-cores outdistanced the gutta-percha balls by 50 to 60 yards down wind, and by 80 to 90 yards against the wind. Bolger found his best drives, usually near 300 yards, reduced to less than 200 yards.

Fairway Of Ice

When records were produced, showing that one D. Rolland had hit a gutty ball 235 yards in 1894 and that Edward Bliss had smacked one 445 yards, Richardson suggested that Bliss must have driven down a fairway of ice.

In flight, the balls' behaviour was irreproachable until they began to lose shape after a dozen holes. Then they wobbled, ducked and dived like snipe, especially against the wind.

Gutta-percha balls have only one thing over the modern type. No matter how gashed and misshapen they get, plastic surgery can restore their good looks. All that has to be done is to soften them in hot water, put them in a mould, and repaint them.—(*Christian Science Monitor*).

OPENING PHASE OF 1941 BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Now Being Waged In And Over The Atlantic

Intensified War Against Shipping

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

THE OPENING PHASES OF THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN IN 1941 ARE BEING FOUGHT FAR OUT FROM SIGHT OF LAND IN AND ABOVE THE TROUBLED WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

It is a relentless, ceaseless and silent warfare, of which little will be heard save the occasional trickle of news of some heroic exploit.

But the progress of the battle will be marked in the periodic figures of British and Allied shipping losses and in the tally of damage inflicted on enemy raiders both at sea and in the air.

With the improvement in the weather as the Spring "campaigning season opens," it is becoming clear that the immediate German strategy in the West is to endeavour to implement the threat made by Hitler in his last speech of intensified naval warfare on an unprecedented scale.

The Germans are determined to do their utmost to cut the ocean lifeline along which food and supplies reach the British Isles and, with the American Lease and Lend Bill on the threshold of becoming law, they will concentrate, too, on the impending flow of vital American war materials to Britain.

New Problem

The German advance last year, with its ensuing occupation of 2,000 miles of European coastline, presented a new problem which the British Navy and Air Force are tackling with greater determination.

WHEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SIGNS THE LEASE AND LEND BILL, WHICH WILL BRING SUPPLIES TO BRITAIN, THE NAVY'S TASK WILL BE FURTHER INCREASED, AS IT MUST THEN FIND FURTHER CONVOYS TO ENSURE THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF THESE NEW SUPPLIES.

The main battle area lies north-westwards from Britain and eastwards from Iceland, and here naval vessels, fitted with the newest devices for detecting submarines, are waging a day and night warfare with the fullest cooperation of the R.A.F.

U-Boat Strength

The number of submarines the Germans will use is reliably estimated at between 100 and 150, but not all could be at sea simultaneously.

No single factor which can help defeat the enemy plans is being neglected.

The best scientific brains are working on improved means of U-boat detection, protection against aircraft and so forth, while the question of providing more convoy vessels is receiving constant unremitting attention.—Reuter.

MINOR SKIRMISHES ON THAI BORDER

Minor skirmishes on the Indo-China border during the week-end are reported in a Thailand High Command communique, which alleges that the French fired on a Thai party in the northern sector, and that a French patrol violating the neutral zone in the south was repulsed.—Reuter.

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R.A.F. BACKS GREEKS

Notable successes achieved by British fighters and bombers are officially announced from R.A.F. H.Q. in Greece.

"On the night of March 8/9," states the communique, "R.A.F. bombers heavily attacked the harbour and installations at Durazzo. Several great fires broke out growing in intensity, and there were many explosions. The fires could be seen 70 miles away.

Yesterday the village of Dukai was successfully bombed. Motor transport concentrations and gun positions in the Glava-Buzi area were also attacked.

A small formation of our fighters on patrol encountered a large force of enemy bombers accompanied by fighters.

Six fighters and one heavy bomber were definitely shot down and a number of others seriously damaged.

One of our pilots had to abandon his aircraft and escaped by parachute, landing safely in our lines. All the other aircraft returned safely."—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

The Immigration Inquiry is being continued this afternoon, Mr. Barton and other officers of the Treasury giving evidence.

It is officially announced in Tokyo that the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, is leaving to-morrow evening for Germany and Italy "to exchange felicitations with and meet the leaders of Germany and Italy in connection with conclusion of the Tripartite Pact." Mr. Matsuoka will be accompanied by 11 officials.—Reuter.

Mr. L. A. Barton, giving evidence this afternoon in the Immigration Inquiry, said he was instructed to report on the accounting system in operation, but on reaching the office made up his mind that he could not carry out practical work with the staff so hard pressed. His report to Mr. Pudney was based on a casual impression.

Questioned by the Chairman, he said he would not have felt happy working in an office using the system of accounting used there.

When he visited, the crowd was a little unruly and uncontrolled. The accommodation in the accounts office was definitely bad.

Replying to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Barton said he was not able to distinguish between members of the staff and the public when he visited. Some were entering by the back way and some were passing through the gate at the counter.

The office of the Immigration Officer seemed a little quieter.

He said he could not recollect any special request in a minute for more shroffs.

The only unsecured person he saw handling money was Miss Rayner, sitting in the same office as Mr. Forrest, at the same desk.

SABOTAGE PLOT PROPHECY

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Chairman of the House Committee on un-American Activities, Mr. Martin Dies, declared yesterday that agents of the Rome/Berlin Axis and Soviet Russia will stage a plot to paralyze help from the United States to Britain as soon as the Lease and Lend Bill becomes law.

Mr. Dies stated that he had information and possessed evidence which justified this prediction.—International News Service.

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